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## GRAVE TENSION DEVELOPING BETWEEN GERMANY AND FRANCE

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#### No Signs That Russia Will Do Anything To Prevent Nazi Invasion Of Bulgaria

THERE ARE SIGNS OF GRAVE TENSION DEVELOPING BETWEEN GERMANY AND FRANCE, WHILE THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS GROWS TENSER, STATED A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY.

The German newspapers have been threatening the Vichy Government for lack of co-operation and it was announced from Vichy that MARSHAL PETAIN has summoned GENERAL WEYGAND from Syria for immediate and urgent talks.

In the meantime, GENERAL ANTONESCU, the Rumanian Prime Minister, has been urgently summoned to BERLIN and is reported to be now on his way to the Reich capital from Bucharest by train, although this report has not been confirmed from any other source than Bucharest.

The enigma of RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY and her attitude to the European war is being discussed in relation to the German threat to Bulgaria and it is stated that, in spite of the Russian statement that the Soviet had not been consulted regarding the passage of German troops through Bulgaria, it is held in London that only bad weather is keeping Herr Hitler from carrying out his invasion of Bulgaria.

### MONOTONOUS SHELLING OF TOBRUK CONTINUES

WHILE BRITISH SHELLS ARE DROPPING WITH MONOTONOUS REGULARITY OVER THE ITALIAN POSITIONS AT TOBRUK, and troops and Australian and Dominion forces are taking up their positions round the port for the final assault, which may be expected in the next few days, the R. A. F. has raised its attacks on LIBYA as far back as BENGHAZI, states a message from London.

This R. A. F. activity has been helped by the presence of aerodromes and landing grounds, which the retreating Italians have failed to make unusable.

British tanks, guns and supplies are rumbling across the desert and there are no signs of any Italian attempts to relieve Tobruk.

#### NO RESISTANCE

Enemy resistance in the air is reported to have ceased. Between Sidi Barrani and Sollum, alongside the highways which the Italians called "the road to victory," there are many further examples of the destruction brought by the R. A. F. At one point, an Italian bomber stands poised on its nose, while at another, before the Italians retreated, they placed a number of bombs shaped like drinking flasks.

Beyond Fort Capuzzo is another aerodrome strewn with the wreckage of planes.

At Sidi Barrani, an Italian bomber fell just outside the landing ground, after it had been hit by British fire. Three of the Italian crew were killed and the pilot was taken prisoner.

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Many students' organisations in Holland have been disbanded by the German Police and their club buildings closed, states a message received in official Dutch quarters in London.

### AUSTRALIAN LOSSES IN LIBYA

The Army Headquarters state that the losses of the Australian Imperial forces is 286 comprising 31 officers and 265 other ranks. The number killed, or died of wounds, was 17, says a London message.

The total British casualties in Sidi Barrani and Sollum were under 1,000 and in the attack on Bardia was less than 600.

The Australian casualties, therefore, is about one in five of the total. One reason for this low figure in the number of casualties is the extensive use of armoured vehicles.

### FRENCH VESSEL INTERCEPTED

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The French steamer Mendoza 8,000 tons, which left Montevideo with a general cargo for France, was intercepted by the British auxiliary cruiser Asturias.

It later anchored at Jose Ignacio Bay and is expected to return to Montevideo.

Before the Mendoza sailed from Buenos Aires on Friday, the crew is said to have been given the assurance that the British Government approved the voyage.

All local newspapers on Saturday published the denial that any navicert had been issued.

A political opinion in London states that it can discern no signs that Russia will do anything to prevent the German march into Bulgaria and it is felt that M. STALIN is afraid of the German Fuehrer.

At the same time the Japanese are showing anxiety to come to terms with Russia and this has received a rebuff by the conclusion of a trade treaty between the Soviet and China by which Russian machinery and war material will be available to China in exchange for Chinese tea.

The Chinese ability to maintain the war against Japan will thus be increased.

#### SMALL BLOCKADE LEAK

At the same time, Russia is keeping open for Germany, the only small leak in the British blockade and it is learned that the Germans are obtaining goods by this means from South America. It is believed that PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT proposes to stop this leak by buying up the entire stocks of goods which German agents are purchasing in South America.

A report from Bulgaria quoted in a London message, states that M. FILOFF, Bulgarian Prime Minister, and M. POPOFF, his Foreign Minister, had talks yesterday with the German Minister. It was also reported that Bulgaria is taking steps to renew her trade agreement with Russia.

The treaty will involve trade to the value of £12,500,000.

In both Turkey and Greece, M. FILOFF's speech reaffirms his country's determination to remain independent is taken as proof that Bulgaria will not willingly be dragged into the war for Germany's sake.

The News agency in Sofia states that no foreign troops have entered Bulgaria and it was officially denied that Bulgaria had made any representation to foreign Governments because there was no reason to do so, says a London message.

### NIGHT FLIGHT BY R.A.F. IN BAD WEATHER OVER PORTS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE: FIRES IN DUNKIRK AREA

#### Thrilling Story Of Bombing Oil Tanks Near Venice Related

On Monday night the R.A.F. flew through bad weather over ports in OCCUPIED FRANCE, states a London message.

One attack was made on the submarine base at LORIENT which has been officially described as successful. Heavy bombers also started fires in the DUNKIRK AREA. All British aircraft are reported to have returned safely.

Pilots who took part in the bombing of oil tanks near VENICE have brought back a thrilling story of attacks made from as low as 700 feet.

The Wing-Commander, who led one raid, said how he saw two sentries standing with their rifles pointed at the plane. It was a bright moonlight night. At 700 feet he let go a heavy bomb which landed in front of an oil refinery building and caused the flames to leap up to the height of the aircraft. He then dropped a couple of explosives.

#### CAME LOWER

The rest of the squadron also came lower. One pilot dropped his first bomb at 9,000 feet, then dropped to 1,500 feet and his third run was at a thousand feet. The smoke from the explosion got into the plane and made the crew cough and splutter but it was worth it for they obtained hits on a refinery and saw the whole place blow up.

The Wing-Commander who led the flight went back home by Padua. He followed the railway track and when he saw an aerodrome he dropped to 100 feet from the ground with his gunners blazing away.

Another raiding force attacked a port on the DANUBE where one stick of bombs fell plumb on a taxi.

#### BUILDING COLLAPSE

Another hit a factory and the pilot saw the building and chimney collapse.

Further explosions were also heard and the raiders had no doubt that they had done considerable damage.

During Sunday night's raid five fires were started at BRESCIA which was blasted for 30 minutes. These fires were seen to merge into one enormous blaze. One British fighter was lost on this raid.

#### PLYMOUTH FIRES

For nearly three hours on Monday night German raiders showered bombs on PLYMOUTH where several fires were started, states a London message.

Although these were quickly brought under control some buildings were hit and damage caused and a number of people were killed and others injured.

London itself had a night free from air raids, but a few bombs were dropped over widely separated points in Wales. Little damage was caused and no-one was seriously hurt.

ANKARA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Lieut-General Sir James Marshall Cornwall and A. Vice-Marshal Elmhurst, representing the Middle East Command, who arrived yesterday for Staff talks with the Turkish Command, were later received by Marshal Tehaknak, Chief of the Turkish General Staff, and General Gunduz, Deputy Chief. They were accompanied by Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, personal representative in Ankara of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

### Admiralty Announces Good News

#### LOW SHIPPING LOSSES

GOOD NEWS WAS ANNOUNCED by the Admiralty yesterday when it stated that the British merchant shipping losses for the week ended Jan. 5-8 were the lowest for eight months, states a London message.

Only four times previously since the war began have the losses been lower. The figures for the first week of the new year were four British ships lost with a total of less than 15,000 tons.

For the previous lowest figure it will be necessary, said the Admiralty statement, to go back to May last year when three British ships were lost totalling 14,000 tons.

#### ONE REASON

A London comment states that the reason for this low figure must remain a matter for conjecture but one reason may be the heavy R.A.F. attacks on German naval bases and bases in occupied territory. It is presumed that this must have had some effect on the number of submarines operating in the Atlantic.

Another reason might be the increase in the number of escorts for convoys.

Allied and British losses have been falling for the past three weeks. In the third week of December the losses were 52,000 tons, in the following week 37,000 tons and now less than 15,000 tons.

There were no Allied or neutral losses in the figures for this week.

### AMENDMENT TO LIMIT ROOSEVELT'S POWERS

#### House Of Representatives Give Verbal Approval To "Lease Or Lend" Bill

MR. CORDELL HULL, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, was to have been the main witness when President Roosevelt's "Lease or Lend" Bill was examined by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday, states a London message.

Mr. Hull, however, could not be present and his examination has been postponed for today.

A few hours earlier the House of Representatives gave verbal approval to the Bill.

The amendments to the Bill would be confined to authorising the President only to give help to the Commonwealth nations and if he wished to help others he must get the permission of the Congress.

### Japan's Growing Concern Over Increased U.S. Aid

Japan's growing concern over the increased aid by the United States to Britain was indicated by PRINCE KONOYE yesterday when he addressed a conference of Government leaders, representatives of the Diet and representatives of commerce and industry in the country, states a London message.

Prince KonoYE appealed for co-operation by everyone in Japan in order to meet the present emergency which, he said, was threatening to spread throughout the world as a result of the growing pressure from America on Japan coupled with America's assistance to Britain and the Chungking Government.

An earlier report from Japan stated that the recent broadcast made by Mr. P. C. Spender, Australian War Minister, in Singapore, was favourably received in Tokyo where a spokesman is reported to have said that his country was prepared to reciprocate the desire for goodwill expressed by Mr. Spender.

WISDOM OF FACT  
SINGAPORE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that there is a good deal of reflection among the Japanese about the

Another amendment is to limit the President's powers to two years.

MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, disclosed yesterday that negotiations between Britain and important American truck concerns have been taking place for the sale of British investments in the United States.

SIR FREDERICK PHILLIPS, the British Treasury representative who is now in America, said that the British Government was ready to do business with these concerns.

#### MORE FIGHTER PLANES

MR. BERNARD WRIGHT, an official of the Curtis-Wright Corporation, states yesterday that his company had been delivering more fighter planes to Britain than to the United States because the U.S. Army authorities wished to incorporate into their planes certain designs in the British machine.

Mr. Wright added that by 1944 he hoped to be able to reach a maximum daily output of 30 to 40 planes.

It was also revealed in London yesterday that four kinds of United States bombers are

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### Today's News Summary

THE YEAR HAS BEGUN WITH REASSURINGLY low losses of merchant ships from enemy action the official figure for the week ended midnight January 5-8 being four British vessels with 14,837 tons lost and no Allied or neutral losses.

THOUGH RESTRICTED IN THEIR ACTIVITIES in Albania the Greeks are giving the Italians no respite. Some prisoners, including four officers, have been captured and four tanks have fallen into Greek hands.

THE SHELLING OF TOBRUK IS PROCEEDING with monotonous regularity while British and Australian forces are still massing for the final assault.

PRaise FOR THE SKILL AND POWER BEHIND THE British advance in the Western Desert was expressed by the Rome Radio which also admitted very considerable Italian losses.

PLYMOUTH WAS THE MAIN TARGET OF GERMAN raiders on Monday night and the raid lasted for three hours. Many fires were started and a number of buildings in the city were damaged.



**SOCCER REVIEW**

# **SOUTH CHINA WELL AND TRULY DEFEATED**

## **Kwong Wah Continue To Show Improvement**

BY "PILAT"

The classic soccer match between South China and Sing Tao on Sunday last nearly developed into a mud battle but the rain, which fell intermittently before the game, held off just before the start, though conditions could not be said to be conducive to good football.

Despite the wet ground and a slippery ball, which made control more difficult, both teams played first class soccer.

Settling down quicker and finding conditions more to their liking Sing Tao surpassed all their previous performances by giving an all-round brilliant display. South China, on the other hand, with their defence still trying to find their feet for the greater part of the first half, could not settle down but even when they did they found in Sing Tao's intermediate line their match.

The weak link in South China's defence was on the left where both Lau Chung-sang and Tse Kam-hung were off form. Lau found the Lal Shiu-wing-Yeung Shiu-yick combination too much for him while Tse was shaky and, as a result, threw more work on Tsang Chung-wan. The latter, however, was on tip-top form and did yeoman service at right-back.

**WELL PLANNED**

Sensing this weakness Sing Tao concentrated on this side, alternating by swinging the ball over to Ip Pak-wah. By this and by well planned moves they managed to keep South China's defence off balance. Fung King-cheong was an ideal leader, scheming openings for his inside men.

The re-arranged Sing Tao's middle line of Soong Lins-sing, Leung Wing-chiu and Tsui Ah-fai gave a sterling display in holding the Caroline Hill forward line. Special mention must be made of the effective manner in which Tsui bottled up Lee Wai-tong and gave by far his best performance this season.

It was obvious that Sing Tao took the field with a set plan and went about their work with a purpose but whatever plans the losers might have had were upset by the unexpected weakness of their defence. The forwards, too, took quite some time to settle down as the inside men went back to help the defenders in the earlier stages.

Whatever may have been the causes, bad weather conditions notwithstanding, South China, on the day's showing, were well and truly beaten.

**POLICE TROUNCED**

Kwong Wah continued to show improvement when they unexpectedly trounced Police at Boundary Street by the big margin of 7-2.

Police, on the whole, gave a disappointing display and were

very much below the form in which they defeated Sing Tao two months ago. Kwong Wah, however, is showing better combination each game while their backs, Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai, seem to be playing with more confidence. Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung were again the main source of danger, Wong being as tricky and fast as ever.

The custodians of the law were badly off colour and only Blackburn distinguished himself in defence. The forward line lacked cohesion and could make little impression against the winners' defence.

**MIDDLESEX WIN**

On Saturday, Middlesex and St. Joseph's were seen in an uninteresting encounter at Caroline Hill which the former won by the odd goal in three.

With a defence much stronger than their opponents' attack, the "Diehards" were able to pin the Saints to their half of the field for a greater part of the game. The Saints' attack lacked punch and, with Bright and his men on good form, could make little or no headway. They were without their custodian, Sammy Tsang, and all more well-known in baseball and softball, deputised between the sticks and turned in a creditable performance.

**FOR SING TAO?**

It is learned that Ng Kee-cheong, Eastern left-half and full-back, has signed up for Sing Tao. Ng has lately played very good soccer and should strengthen the latter's half-back line. Eastern will not be greatly affected by this transfer as they have their usual intermediate line intact while Yim She (Y.S. Yen) will partner Kong Sing-king at back.

### **R.A. HOLD TRIAL RUGGER**

In preparation for the Large Units Rugby tournament which will commence shortly, a trial game was held by the Royal Artillery yesterday at Sookunpoo. The standard of rugby, on the whole, was quite high and augurs well for the R.A.



The new George Cross and George Medal awarded for gallantry.

## **SPORTING FIXTURES**

**TODAY**

BADMINTON. — "B" Division. Jewish R.C. v. Chung Wah; R. C. v. V.R.C.; Kowloon Tong v. St. John's; St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

BILLIARDS. — Garrison Individual Snooker Championship final, Lieut W. V. Dixon v. Cpl. J. H. Harvey (Soldiers' Club) 7 p.m.

**TOMORROW**

BILLIARDS. — Garrison Individual Billiards Championship final, S.Q.M.S. Wood v. Cpl. J. H. Harvey (Soldiers' Club) 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

SWIMMING. — Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

CRICKET. — "A" Division: University v. Reccelo; Craigengower v. Indian R.C. "B" Division: Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower; Reccelo v. University.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

RACING. — Macao Jockey Club's January Race Meeting.

### **SALICA KEEPS TITLE**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14 (Reuter). — Lou Salica of Brooklyn, retained the World Bantamweight title yesterday, outpointing Tommy Fort, a local youngster, in a 15-round bout.

**GREEK WINS**

CLEVELAND, Jan. 14 (Reuter). — The 23-year old Greek, Antelne Christoforidis, became World Light-heavy Weight champion outpointing Mello Bettina, of New York, the former champion, in a 15-round fight for the title declared vacant by the National Boxing Association.

### **CHESS RESULTS**

The following are the results of matches in the Kowloon Chess Club championship played yesterday.

Senior — K. M. A. Barnett beat B. D. Evans.

Junior — V. V. Kolatchoff drew with Th. Laufer; A. Benjamin beat D. Drake, J. H. D'Almeida beat C. Lee.

### **Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group**

The Discussion Group to be held on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 9 p.m. in the West Lounge will take the form of a film evening. All are cordially invited. There will be no entrance fee charge, but a collection will be made to defray expenses. The following pictures will be shown:

Island People (Silent); Ashanti (Sound); Transfer of Power (Sound); The Heart and Circulation (Sound); Inside the Telephone (Sound); Johann Strauss (Sound).

**WHIST DRIVE**

The popular Y.M.C.A. Whist Drives were resumed on Monday night after a lapse of several months and proved to be an enjoyable evening. The Whist Drives are held every Monday at 8.30 p.m.

# **Chief Interpreter Of The Supreme Court Testifies In Action For Slander**

MR. NG CHAK-WING, Chief Interpreter of the Supreme Court, called by the plaintiff, the wife of a high Chinese Government official, in an action for slander, to give expert evidence at the Supreme Court yesterday stated that in the early days the term "lo chien" was used for gamblers, and meant a person who won money by fraudulent means or by a trick.

The action arose from an alleged remark made by defendant, Chan Yee-koo, of No. 22, Hillwood Road, to plaintiff, Chan Pau-shi, of No. 430, Nathan Road, third floor. Defendant was alleged to have said: "You are a 'lo chien' and social gatherings will not allow you to be in their companies. You are also a thief."

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon represented plaintiff.

The claim was for \$1,000, of which \$953 was special claim, being money due to the plaintiff from the money loan association and \$47 being special claim. The special claim was waived by Mr. Hon who said that in regard to the general claim he would leave it to the Court.

"As time went on," continued Mr. Ng, "this term would be applied by Society to any person obtaining money falsely or by a trick, whether in gambling or otherwise. When applied by Society to a person, it means that he is either a professional gambler or is in the habit of obtaining money by fraudulent manner or trick."

"Sam chek sau," explained witness, meant stealing things. Amplifying his statement, Mr. Ng stated that as a person has only two hands, three hands (the literal translation of "sam chek sau") implied that he has an additional hand.

**PLAINTIFF RECALLED**

Plaintiff was recalled yesterday for cross-examination. She denied

The term "lo chien" was far from complimentary, said witness.

**MATTER OF GENDER**

Cross-examined by Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for the defendant, Mr. Ng stated that the only difference between "lo chien" and "lo chien por" was a matter of gender. The former was common gender, whereas the latter applied to a female as the word "por" denotes feminine gender.

The term "chu nar," said witness, was a very offensive phrase and the woman (whether married or single) so addressed would understand by that term that she was being referred to as a prostitute.

Mr. Loseby: Or even lower?—

Yes. Or even worse than that — it means that she would be open to receive any man willing to have her?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby was about to cross-examine witness on a certain point respecting mah-jongg when his Lordship interposed with the remark that he did not think Mr. Ng was an expert at the game, specially after evidence had been given by those who seemed to spend all their lives playing that game.

# **Supreme Court Testifies**

that she had been playing mah-jongg for months with Mrs. Hui, as a secret partner. Questioned by Mr. Loseby as to whether Leung Yee-koo was entitled to refuse to pay and to demand back money paid previously, if it was found out that she played with a secret partner, witness replied that she did not know if that was the rule in gambling.

Chan, however, added that if two players were found to be secret partners the loser could refuse to pay but did not agree that money previously paid could be demanded back.

Mr. Loseby then went on to describe the different signals which Mr. Loseby put to witness, were taught Mrs. Hui by her. Witness denied that she ever taught Mrs. Hui to give signals and denied all knowledge of the signs as described by Mr. Loseby.

Further cross-examined, witness admitted that she was once called a "lo chien por" (a lady swindler) on July 20.

**DRAW OF LOAN**

Leung Piu-lin (Yee Koo), a subpoenaed witness, said that on Aug. 8, 1940, she conducted the draw of the \$5 loan association at her residence, No. 5 King's Terrace. About 1 a.m. plaintiff came and she said to her: "You have eaten up my flesh, do you want to eat my bone also? I have lost all my pocket money and have lost all my jewellery," and began to cry.

Plaintiff asked her, "Who called me a 'lo chien'?" and just then defendant arrived and replied "I do."

After further evidence, the

## **TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY**

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at two weddings at the Registry yesterday.

Mr. Wong Chun-kom, assistant manager, residing at No. 29, Connaught Road Central, and Miss Tso Wai-yung of No. 75 Shantung St., Kowloon.

Mr. Mak Wai-fong, clerk of the Medical Department, residing at No. 281, Lockhart Road, and Miss Lai Tak-chan, of No. 62, Wai Ching Street.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Chan Shu-kai, of "Kai Yuen," King's Road, and Miss Angela Gockchin of No. 14, Fung Fai Terrace.

Mr. Tsang Hon-hung, shipping clerk, of No. 121, Wing Lok Street, and Miss Kam Shau-kuen of No. 165, Johnston Road.

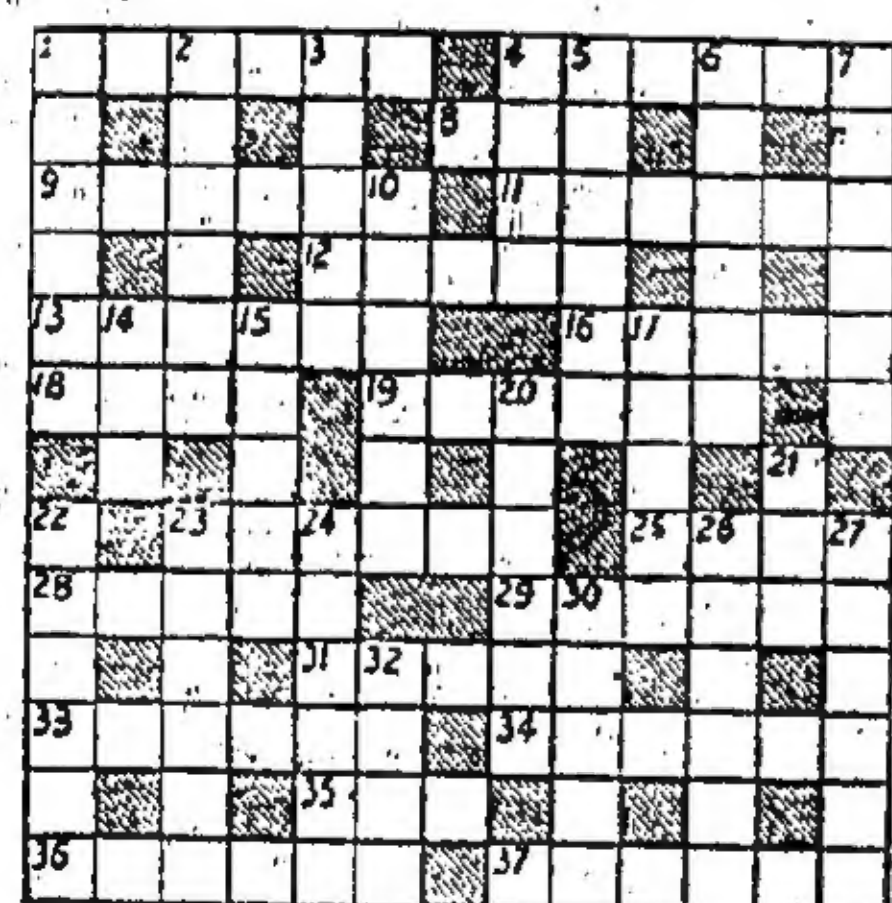
Hui Ying, master of a junk, reports that at 3 p.m. on Jan. 2, when he was sailing near Ping Hol, five Japanese from a trawler boarded his junk and threw into the sea one jungle, valued at \$40. On leaving, they took away his licence.

Hearing was adjourned till this morning.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice Williams.

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"BEFORE I HANG"

Boris Karloff is back! The master monster of the cinema returns to the King's Theatre screen today in Columbia's latest thriller, "Before I Hang." Thrill-packed and jammed with suspense, the film brings more spine-tingling chills than a night spent in a haunted house.

Starring the horror king in the most amazing role of his brilliant career, the film deals with the fearful, fascinating question of

immortality. Karloff, portraying an elderly scientist, believes that he has found a cure for death and is determined to prove it!

The first actual test is doomed to failure when his "guinea pig," an aged pauper, becomes hopelessly ill after an inoculation of the youth-giving serum. Forced to end the poor man's life in order to ally his suffering, Karloff is arrested and sentenced to die for the "mercy slaying."

With the use of little make-up, Karloff succeeds in creating a more thrilling performance in "Before I Hang" than in any role he has ever played before, including that of the monster in "Frankenstein." Evelyn Keyes deserves a share of

## COMING EVENTS

JAN. 15—Tides: High 11:20 a.m. and 10:23 p.m. Low 4:58 a.m. and 5:54 p.m. Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.; Sunset: 6 p.m. Immigration Law comes into force.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Chinese Estates, Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend Payable.

Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon: Chess and Draughts; Night: Swimming.

H.E. the Acting Governor to visit H.K. and Whampoa Dockyard, 4 p.m. Cheong Club Dance, 8:30 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on Home Nursing, Headquarters, 5:50 p.m.; Practical Class, 4:30 p.m. Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Concert Party, 8 p.m.

16—Tides: High 11:58 a.m. and 11:07 p.m. Low 5:32 a.m. and 4:37 p.m. Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.; Sunset: 6:01 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. K. S. Lee on 'How Gen Chiang Kai-shek Became a Christian.'

Auxiliary Nursing Service: Lectures on Home Nursing commence at Kowloon Hospital, 5:30 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Squash: Hockey: Swimming.

Cheong Club: Bridge and Mahjong. Crown Land Sale, Land Office, Ping Shan, 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Advanced Lecture, Military Hospital, 3 p.m.

Victor's Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m. Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.

17—Tides: High 12:37 p.m. and 11:56 p.m. Low 6:11 a.m. and 5:26 p.m. Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.; Sunset: 6:01 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Farwell Reception to Miss S. F. Sutton, 157, The Peak, 4:30 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Mixed Swimming: Badminton.

Cheong Club: Darts and Table-Tennis. Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Seafarers' Dance, 9 p.m.

Charity Performance at French Convent, Causeway Bay, 5:30 p.m. 18—Tides: High 1:24 p.m. Low 6:48 a.m. and 6:21 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:02 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor to Broadcast on Colonial Centenary, 8:03 p.m.

19—Tides: High 12:49 a.m. and 2:12 p.m. Low 7:27 a.m. and 7:29 p.m. Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:03 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Marao Jockey Club, January Meeting.

Golf: Junior Championship—First Round. 20—Tides: High 1:54 a.m. and 3:03 p.m. Low 8:11 a.m. and 8:11 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:03 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8:30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m. Sailingpun Vernacular School for Boys, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

21—Tides: High 3:22 a.m. and 4:09 p.m. Low 8:56 a.m. and 11:07 p.m. Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 6:04 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Entries close for Fanning Hunt and Race Club's February Meeting, 12 noon.

## TEST OF ANTI-COUGH MASKS

Experiments are being made with two types of shelter face-mask to decide on the most elegant and comfortable model. Lord Roder's Committee recommended provision of these masks to prevent the spread of infection by coughing and sneezing in shelters.

But there are official fears that memories of the smothered respirators may make people averse to a new kind of mask. So every effort is being made to produce an inconspicuous type.

CRITICAL OPERATION

One tried looks something like those worn by surgeons when conducting a critical operation in an American film. The other is made of cellophane. Tapes and malleable earpieces resembling those on spectacles are being tried.

There will be no mass distribution, and the masks will only be supplied at request. The public are expected to overcome their shyness gradually.

Commanding notices have been placed on many private basement shelters, implementing the recommendation. In the report that such shelters should be used by the public at night.

Bunks of the approved three-tier variety are being issued to the local authorities at the rate of 50,000 a week.

the praise for turning in a grand job as the fender's daughter and credit must also be given to Bruce Bennett and Edward Van Sloan for their excellent portrayals in supporting roles. Director Nick Grinde does a fine job and is to be commended for making the Robert D. Andrews screen play such a sensational hit.

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12.45 Elgar—Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 25.

1st Mov: Allegro piacevole; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto—Come prima—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Life Is Empty Without Love; Man Of My Dreams (both from 'Everything Is Rhythm'). Quicksteps—Maple Leaf Rag; Clarinet Marmalade. Swing Step—Sentimental Ganchico; Rumba—La Cumparsita. Comedy Fox-Trots—Algernon, Wifemooch.

John: When It's Thursday Night In Egypt. Fox-Trot—Internationalle (from 'Everything Is Rhythm').

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.

2.05 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

Home and Beauty—Selection (C.B. Cochran's Revue); 'Head over Heels'—Selection. 'Crazy Days'—Selection.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Comedy Harmonists.

Solitude (Ellington and Others); In A Persian Market (Ketelbey); 'Yes for Two' (No. No. Nanette) — Youmans; Whispering (Schonberger).

6.45 Moskowski — 'From Foreign Lands, Suite.

State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Questions of the Hour.'

The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper, on France.

7.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

The Jolly Robbers — Overture (Suppe)—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band. The Riveter (Sievler and Arlen); The Fleet's Not In Port Very Long (Film 'O'Kay for Sound)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Chorus. Marches—Lynwood (Ord Hume); Prairie Flower (Ord Hume)—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Edward Germa.

'Well Gwyn Danes'—No. 1 Country Dance; No. 2 Pastoral Dance; No. 3 Merry-makers Dance—Jack Hyton

and His Orchestra. "Merry England"—Vocal Gems—Miriam Licke, Caru Serena, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble, Robert Carr and Chorus with Orchestra. Morris Dance (from Henry VIII Dances)—Jack Hyton and His Orchestra.

8.23 Two English Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

Up From Somerset (Weatherly and Sanderson); Devonshire Cream and Cider (Gurton and Sanderson).

8.30 Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 6: Shaw.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra.

Andante and Rondo—George Eskdale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'Democracy Marches.'

9.45 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—How Many Rhymes Can You Get; Rumba—Say 'Si, Si.' Fox-Trots—So Little Time; Says My Heart (film 'Cocacut Grove'). Quickstep—Wishing (film 'Love Affair'). Fox-Trot—We've Come A Long Way Together. Waltz—You Got The Best of the Bargain; Fox-Trot—My Heaven in the Pines. Fox-Trot—Outside of Paradise (from the film).

10.15 Variety.

Comedy Sketch—Three Loose Screws—The Three Loose Screws (Chick Endor, Charlie Farrell and Eddie Pola). Vocal — 'Our Greatest Successes'—Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert with Orchestra. Piano—Gerry Building (Moore); May Write Blues (Moore) — Gerry Moore. Humorous Monologue—The Voice of Experience—Oliver Wakefield. Comedy—'I Didn't Really Never Ought or 'Ave Went—Doris Hare. Vocal — All Thro' A Glass of Champagne (C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Lights Up') — Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orch & Chorus. A Vocal Burlesque—Sonny Boy—Jerry Colonna (Comedian) with Fud and His Fuddy Bears. Vocal — Summer Sweetheart (Gilbert); Sell Along, Silvery Moon (Weinrich) — Vera Lynn with Instrumental accomp.

11.00 Close down.

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FRIDS. II & III—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

## ANOTHER VICTIM OF GUNMAN'S BULLETS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (Reuter) — The Japanese civilian, Nishi, who was shot and seriously wounded on Sunday by an unidentified gunman in Nanking road, died today.

He is the thirteenth Japanese shot here since last September though all the other shootings took place in Japanese-controlled areas.

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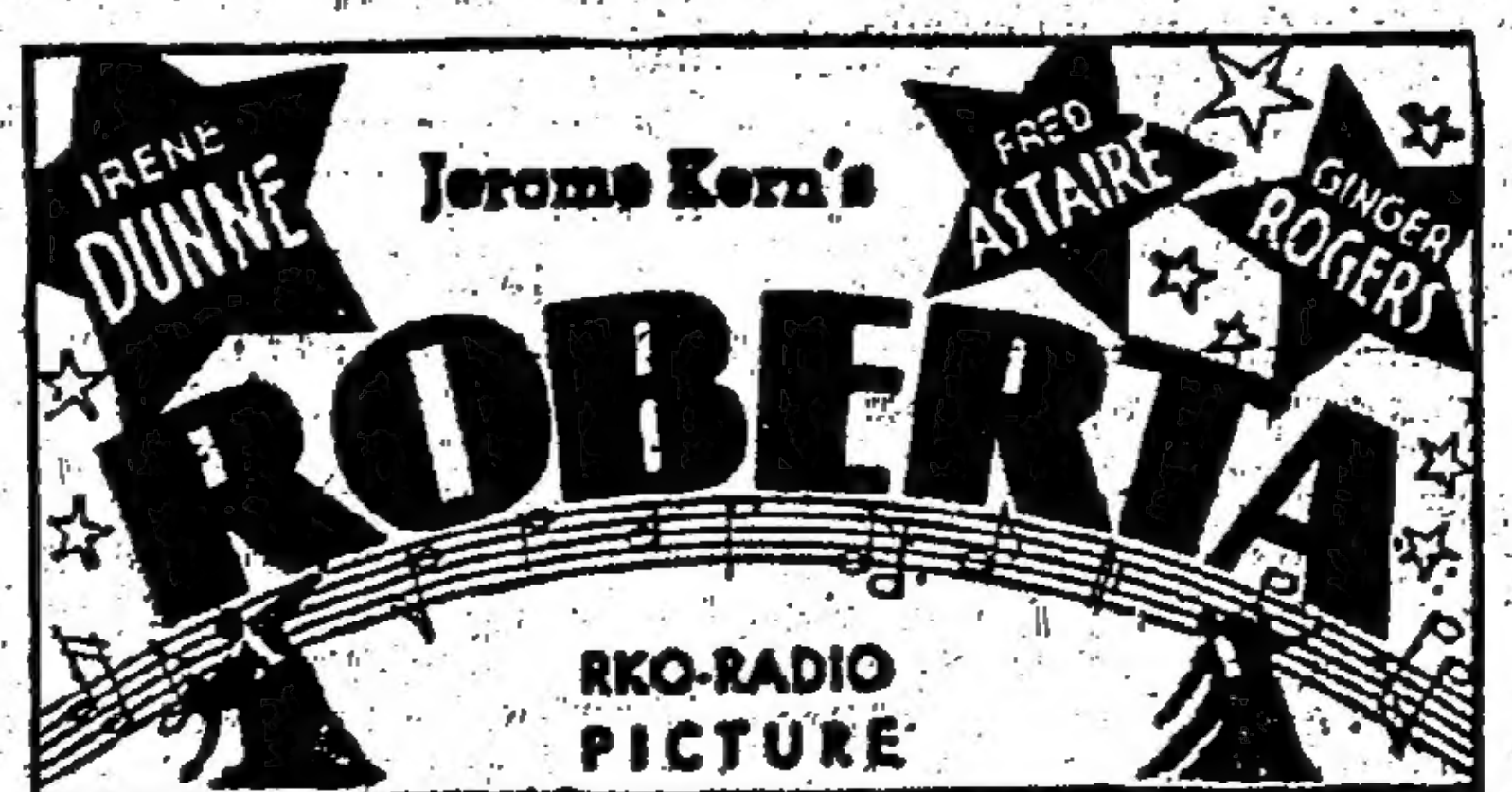
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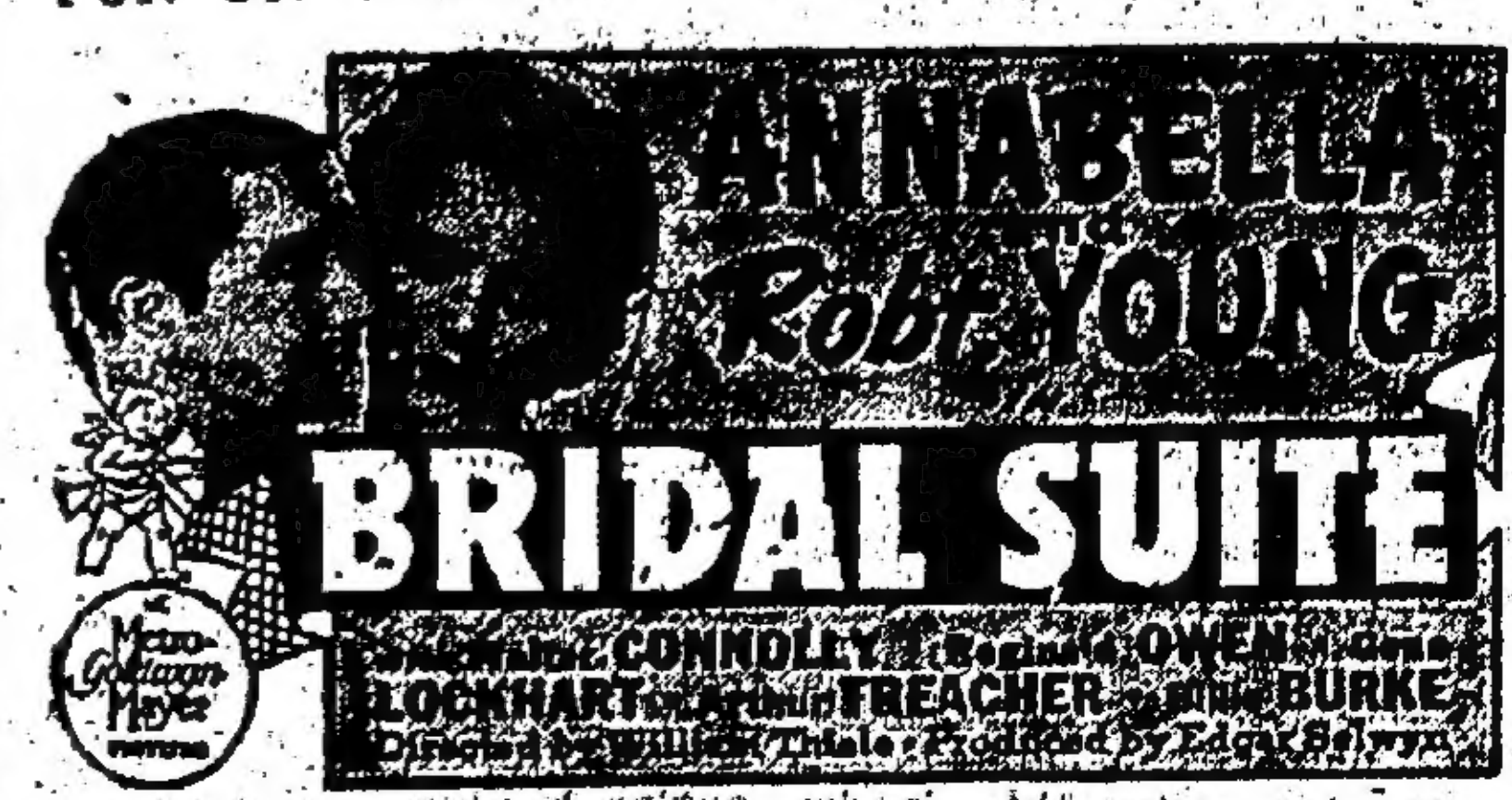
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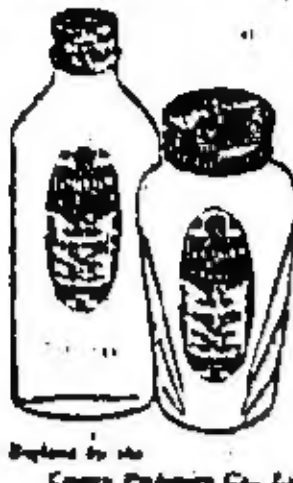
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## EUROPEAN WAR SITUATION ANALYSED

### Swedish Newsmen On Italian Reverses

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—The German Air Force is hardly capable of changing the situation in Albania and Libya, says the military correspondent of the newspaper Dagbladet in assessing Italian reverses.

He regards German troop transport across Italy as unlikely both on mechanical grounds and through consideration of Italian prestige.

The attempt to transport troops across Yugoslavia and Bulgaria would be extremely hazardous, the correspondent believes, especially if Turkey supported any resistance which might be offered.

The Italian reverses, he declares, may be due partly to bad luck, including premature action in Greece, the element of surprise in Egypt and bad weather, but he continues, "it would seem that Italian troops do not reach the quality of their adversaries."

## U.S. BOMBERS TO GIVE PUNCH TO BRITAIN'S AIR OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—Britain's 1941 air offensive, already begun, will be given fresh punch by at least four new types of American bombers.

The Boeing Bomber, powerfully armed, is said to be able to carry four tons of bombs and its range is such that it is estimated that it could cross the Atlantic with a full war load of petrol and bombs.

## Fierce Fighting In Greek War

### ITALIANS DISLODGED BY VIOLENT ATTACK

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—A violent surprise attack by Greek troops has dislodged the Italians from strongly fortified positions in the central sector of the front, says the Athens radio.

Fierce hand-to-hand engagements are reported from the northern sector where the Greeks have had the advantage in bayonet fighting.

Desperate efforts by the Italians to reinforce their positions in the coastal sector north of Chima are nullified by the spirited Greek offensive.

#### DOCUMENTS SEIZED

Documents seized by the Greeks show that even by the end of November last the Italians knew that the situation might be very grave in the near future.

Among these documents is a report from the Commander of the Central Alpine Division to his General Officer in Command. He asks that his men be relieved because they have lost 50 per cent. of their effectiveness.

"We are no longer able to stand up to front-line fighting," he says. "My men are, practically bare-footed and ill-clad and they find it hard to stand up to the severe weather and cold."

His General replied on the 27th. as follows: "As soon as possible we will move your unit to the rear but just now this is impossible. You must hold on firmly in order to avoid creating a situation which might become grave."

It will join the even bigger and more powerful British Short Sterling in dealing with every part of Germany's 1941 "knock-out plans." Twin-engine flying boats will boost up the strength of the R.A.F. Coastal Command where it needs it most, namely, in the joint protection of Atlantic convoys.

The Lockheed Hudson Vega Ventura is said to be larger and faster than the Lockheed Hudson type already famous for its work with the R.A.F.

#### ALL-PURPOSE BOMBER

The Lockheed Hudson type now in service is considered the best all-purpose coastal reconnaissance bomber of 1940 possessed by Britain, or Germany. They have a range of from 1,500 miles upwards and to fly the Atlantic they are fitted with special tanks.

Nazi shipping and convoys, indeed any enemy vessel, along the Nazi-controlled European coastline are special targets of these swift and well-armed medium bombers.

Altogether there are now available to Britain some 30 types of American warplanes which are being ferried across the Atlantic by sea and air.

#### OFFENSIVE EXTENDED

The recent extension of the R.A.F. offensive to regular daylight as well as night bombardments lends additional interest to the news that four different kinds of United States bombers for the R.A.F. are being flown across the Atlantic.

A large number of certain types have arrived and a continuous stream will be maintained in future.

The four types are the Lockheed Hudson long-range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command; the Boeing B17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the "Flying Fortress"; the Consolidated two-engine flyingboat; and the Lockheed Vega Ventura bomber.

## MOMENT OF DELIVERANCE NOT FAR DISTANT—NEGUS

### INVASION PREPARATIONS IN BELGIUM

#### Feverish Repair Of Waterways, Bridges

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—In preparation for an attempt to invade Britain, thousands of workers have been drafted by the Germans to repair waterways and bridges destroyed during the invasion of Belgium, according to news received in London by the "Free Belgian" news service.

The Germans have aimed first at re-establishing navigation between Bruges and Ghent and the port of Antwerp. Men have been working day and night to repair canals.

Some 750 bridges were destroyed during the fighting last May and hundreds of ships were sunk in the waterways and ports.

A system of "voluntary" labour service on the Nazi model has been started in Belgium and a special camp is due to be opened this week for the instruction of leaders to take charge of labour camps.

Despite the propaganda drive carried on for some months, the number of "volunteers" for the labour service is very small.

## Acceleration Of Britain's War Effort

### Country's Manpower To Be Harnessed

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—A new acceleration of Britain's war effort is expected shortly when it is anticipated that the well-known expert, Sir William Beveridge, will be appointed to take full-time direction of the country's manpower, writes Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

Discussion on the new proposals to accelerate the war effort is intensifying in political circles, politicians having had a week to consider them, and even now it cannot be said that there is general approval, criticism being focussed on the questions of manpower and production.

The next Parliamentary debate, originally intended as a secret session, is on manpower and production and the House of Commons will have the opportunity of expressing views on the changes made.

Many feel that the whole question of manpower and production need more effective dealing and more action taken.

### EIRE CO-OPERATION WITH ALLIES URGED

OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—"Millions of people of Irish descent in North America would acclaim every act of co-operation on the part of Eire in the war against the Axis," states a cablegram sent yesterday from Irish-Canadians in Canada to the Eirean Government.

The cable was signed by Mr. Manion, former leader of the National Conservative Party, on behalf of a group of prominent Irish-Canadians in various parts of the Dominion.

### Mediterranean Air Blitz Rumours

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—Rumours of a coming Nazi air blitz in the Mediterranean are being spread from Berlin.

The Berlin correspondent of the Dagens Nyheter reported yesterday that the German military command is obviously alive to the ever-increasing importance of the operations in the Mediterranean and lively activity by the German air force may be expected in that area in the next few weeks.

#### SHELTER RECIPE

OMELETTE VICTORY—Take 12 eggs, a pound of butter, 2 lbs. of onions, half a dozen lemons and some cream. Season with Churchill sauce and cook for an hour on the gas fire until the siren goes. It should then be hopelessly overdone.

## Royal War Drums Beat Long-Awaited Message To Ethiopian Tribes

KHARTOUM, JAN. 14 (REUTERS)—THE NIGHTLY BROODING OF THE ETHIOPIAN SKY RESOUNDS TO THE ROLL OF DRUMS, spelling out a message for which the Ethiopians have been waiting five years—that the Emperor is near at hand and that the moment of deliverance is not far off, writes Reuter's correspondent.

In a special interview granted me by the Lion of Judah, I learned that the dark, bearded, distinguished Emperor has already made contact with the Ethiopian chiefs from the interior.

The last time I saw the Emperor he was disembarking at Haifa five years ago from a British destroyer after his flight from Abyssinia. Then he was careworn and dejected; today, he sat on a purple silk-covered wooden throne in his little square palm-fringed palace beside the placid waters of the Blue Nile.

Alert and bright-eyed, he is another being. In a voice vibrant with confidence, he told me of his plans—that the day was not far distant when he would cross the border and lead the Ethiopian patriot army against the enemy.

#### FIGURE OF THE WOLF

There was a glint of assurance in his eyes as he exclaimed, "I will tear down the figure of the wolf erected by the Italians in Addis Ababa Square and in its place will reinstate the white marble statue of the Lion of Judah, the original of which they took to Rome."

Baile Selassie was well-pleased with the progress of his army's training and added, "The revolt is making great headway, thanks to the wholehearted support of the British Government."

"It is the writing on the wall. The days of my former Italian ally who betrayed my country, are numbered. He built fine roads but he killed and enslaved thousands of my people; he failed to break their spirit and I look forward to their liberation and the institution of a just, constitutional government."

The Emperor told me that just as Marshal Badoglio had done, he would personally lead his victorious troops to Addis Ababa, mounted on a white horse.

#### ROYAL CROWN

I asked him if it was true that the Royal Crown of the House of Judah was now in Rome. He said that the crown which Badoglio took to Rome was stolen by the Italians from the Ethiopian Church and was not the Emperor's Crown.

He went on to explain about the royal war drums which nightly are beating on the hillsides of Gollam and along the frontier. "There are 44 of them. Some are big, others are small, hollowed out from tree trunks and covered with cowhide. My chieftains are allowed a maximum of 12 drums each, but mine sound a particular signal and when the peculiar note of those drums is heard my people know that I am nearby."

#### MESSAGE OF DRUMS

"I know that they are hearing and understanding the message of my drums because hundreds of former soldiers who were forced to fight with the Italians are deserting and rallying to the standard raised at Gollam by my faithful commanders."

The Emperor then held a clandestine meeting with a number of Ethiopian chiefs from the interior. At the risk of their lives, they made their way to the meeting on the frontier, and upon ascertaining that their Emperor was really there they one and all pledged their fealty.

The audience terminated on a personal and still confident note. "I hope you will accompany me when I return to my country," said the Emperor as I left the palace.

### EIRE GOVERNMENT DENIAL

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter)—The High Commissioner to Eire is authorised by his government to state that there is no truth whatever in the report published in some quarters that Mr. Eamon de Valera, within the last month, was offered by the Nazi Government "every possible assistance to Eire to prevent Britain from regaining control of the naval bases she had formerly leased."

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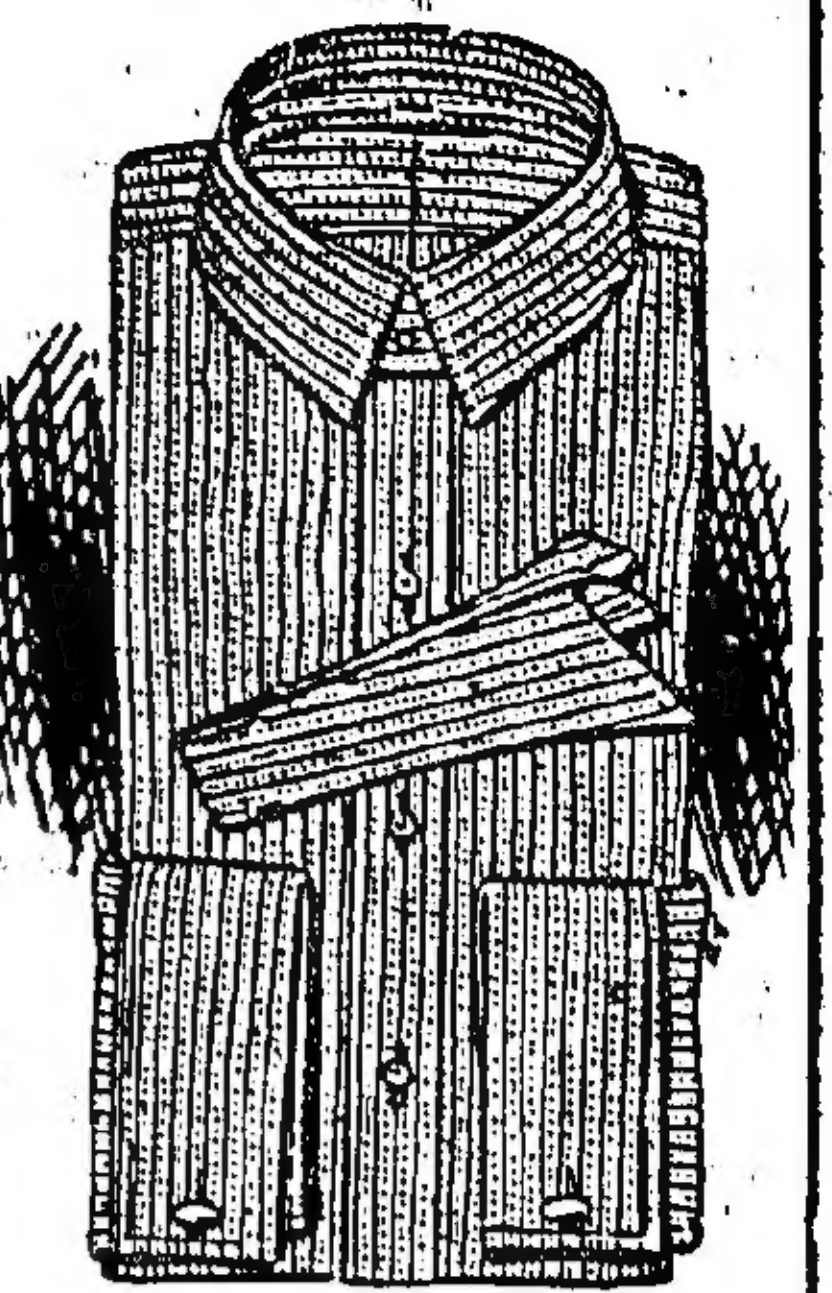
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# EVACUATION TEST CASE JUDGMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON TUESDAY, JAN. 21

## Important Issues Involved: Submissions By Counsel

At the conclusion of submissions by counsel in the EVACUATION TEST CASE at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, announced that in view of the importance of the issues involved he would deliver a written judgment on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m.

The case was brought by MRS. MABEL EVELYN BLAIR, of No. 12, Broadwood Road, who was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., instructed by Mr. Edgar Davidson, and the HON. MR. C. G. PERDUE, Acting Commissioner of Police, and MR. E. C. LUSCOMBE, A.S.P., were cited as the defendants for whom Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. W. Davies, Crown Solicitor, appeared.

The hearing attracted much interest and among the spectators noticed in Court were the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Insp. W. Armit, Mr. J. Galvin, Mr. J. Shepherd, Mr. C. Bramall Burgess, Clerk to the Evacuation Advisory Committee, and others.

The purpose of the action was to test the legality of the regulation made on Nov. 19, 1940, prohibiting women and children, under the age of 18 years, to return to the Colony except with the written permission of a competent authority.

### PLAINTIFF'S CASE

In his opening, Mr. D'Almada said that in her affidavit Mrs. Blair stated that she was a British subject, had lived in Hongkong 20 years, and considered this Colony as her domicile. She left Hongkong on July 2 for reasons of health and not in connexion with the evacuation.

As her health had not improved after four months stay in Manila, she decided to return to Hongkong, although her husband had made three unsuccessful applications to the Evacuation Advisory Committee for permission for her to return.

She left Manila on Nov. 19—the day on which the regulation prohibiting British women and children of European descent from returning was published in Hongkong—with her passport endorsed for Amoy as the British Consul at Manila had instructions not to visa any passports for Hongkong.

### BOND SIGNED

On arrival here, went on counsel, she was refused permission to land. When she was ultimately allowed to land she was taken to the Passport Office and told that she must be out of the Colony by Nov. 24. Her husband had the time extended after he had signed, under protest, a bond for \$300.

Mrs. Blair did not leave on Nov. 30 and, on Dec. 30, received a communication from the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith stating that she had contravened the Regulations by being still in the Colony. The letter went on to say that inquiries were being made as to ship accommodation and date of departure, and that the Police had instructions, under the Regulations, to take her into custody shortly before the ship sailed and to see her on board. The communication concluded by asking Mrs. Blair to give it her serious attention and not to regard it as a threat.

Messrs. Hastings were instructed to reply to that letter. In their letter, Messrs. Hastings stated that the Police had no power to take Mrs. Blair into custody and that, unless a guarantee was given that they would not do so, their instructions were to apply for an injunction or a writ of habeas corpus.

### IMPORTANT FACTS

Counsel went on to emphasise that the most interesting and important facts in the affidavit were firstly, that Mrs. Blair was a British subject; secondly, that she was a resident of Hongkong for 20 years; and thirdly, that she was domiciled here. These facts were not traversed by the defendants.

On the day the Regulations were promulgated in Hongkong, said Counsel, Mrs. Blair left Manila ignorant of the Regulations.

Referring to the evacuation, Hon. Mr. D'Almada said that, according to the reply filed by Mr. Smith, the scheme for the evacuation of white women and children, mooted in 1938, was completed in 1939, and announced soon after war broke out.

Another public announcement was made, over the radio, on June 29, and published in the Press on the two following days, requesting all British women and children to prepare for evacuation.

Counsel contended that the Regulations could not be said to be reasonably capable of ensuring the safety of the Colony as, at a conservative estimate, there were at

present in Hongkong 500,000 women and children of different nationalities, and the 3,480 evacuated formed less than one per cent. of that number. That figure could be checked by the last census but, as was well-known, the population since then had increased so considerably that it would be nearer the mark to say that the number remaining here was 750,000.

### NOTE OF INTEREST

Mr. D'Almada reminded his Lordship that they were only concerned with the Regulations published on Nov. 19 which prohibited the landing of British women and children except with the permission of the Commissioner of Police. It was interesting to note, went on counsel, that sections 4a and 4d of the Regulations were not made under the Defence Regulations.

It was also of interest to note that although the Regulations were enforced, compulsory evacuation was abandoned by Government on Nov. 8, and while Government was still fully aware of the fact that a large number of women and children who had not obtained exemption were still in the Colony.

Furthermore, went on counsel, it was also clear from a paragraph in Mr. Smith's affidavit that from July to Nov. 19 a certain number of women, who have been evacuated, have returned to the Colony without first having obtained the necessary permission from the Commissioner of Police.

Although compulsory evacuation was abandoned a fortnight before Mrs. Blair's return she was, nevertheless, prohibited from landing, in spite of the fact that there were then many women in Hongkong who were not compelled to leave.

### INJUNCTION SOUGHT

The purpose of the Regulations, stated Mr. Smith in his affidavit, was to prohibit the return of British women and children and their landing here except with the permission of the Commissioner of Police. These Regulations, said counsel, were ultra vires and they were seeking, as stated in their writ, the necessary declaration and an injunction.

There was no question whatever that Mrs. Blair could be excluded from the Colony by the Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations.

So drastic an act as to exclude persons from entering the Realm can only be done by Legislation or Act of Parliament. It cannot be done alone by an Order," said Mr. D'Almada.

Counsel then quoted authorities in support of his contention that such wide powers were not even conferred on the authorities in England, neither by the Act of 1914 nor the present one.

Referring to the Act of 1914, Mr. D'Almada stated that early in 1914 that Act had been successfully challenged. The only important section of that Act was, said counsel, Section 1 (s.s.1) wherein was given the character, scope, and limitations allowed under the Act. In all cases up for decision under that Act the most careful scrutiny was given to the limitation of common law rights.

### NO SINGLE CASE

"It is of extreme interest and significance that in no single case under the 1914 Act was there anything so radical, so gross, and so wholesale, as the taking away the fundamental rights of the people. There was nothing approaching it," said Mr. D'Almada, who went on to say that in Blackstone (Vol. 1) it was emphasised that every British subject may be permitted to live in the country.

The Authorities have power to stop British subjects from going to foreign countries but "no power on earth can stop a British subject from entering his own country." Even a British criminal, said counsel, could not be sent out of the country nor stopped from returning.

The citation, submitted counsel, showed the strength of the funda-

## THE WRIT OF SUMMONS

The writ of summons stated the plaintiff's claims to be—

(a) for a declaration that Regulation No. 3 of Defence (Entry Restrictions) Regulations, so far as it applies to British subjects resident in the Colony, is ultra vires, void and of no effect;

(b) alternatively, a declaration that the defendants have no power under Regulation No. 6 (b) of the said Regulations to compel the plaintiff to leave the Colony against her will;

(c) an injunction to restrain the defendants or any police officer authorised by the first defendant from taking action against the plaintiff under the said Regulations;

(d) such further or other relief as shall be just; and

(e) costs.

mental rights which the Governor-in-Council wanted, by a stroke of the pen, to deprive plaintiff of. No attempts were made in England, or here, to enforce evacuation and yet, under the Order, an attempt was made to keep a person out of the Colony.

After dealing with the various objects set out in the Defence of the Realm Act, Mr. D'Almada submitted that the only reasonable application of the act is the limitation to the return of immigrants—that is, those who were not residents.

### NOT REASONABLE

Summarising his submissions, counsel stated that the Regulation was not a reasonable one and, therefore, traversed the regulations as laid down by law, and was, therefore, ultra vires. There was no Act of Parliament which excluded persons domiciled in England. There could, therefore, be no conclusion that a person domiciled in Hongkong could be regulated out of Hongkong by an Order. He was, concluded counsel, entitled to the declarations and injunctions prayed for in the writ.

Mr. Macnamara submitted that because Government had suspended the evacuation it did not mean that those in Australia were entitled to return. The question of the desirability, or otherwise, of excluding women and children from Hongkong rested with the Government.

As to those remaining, counsel stated that the vast proportion were Chinese who could, if necessary, be evacuated to China.

Under the Defence of the Realm Act, contended counsel, the rights of subjects could be limited by detention, confining their movements, or in any other way. In Hongkong, it was by prohibiting their return.

### BEEN CONSIDERED

Mr. Blair had made three separate applications to the Evacuation Advisory Committee, which went to show that Mrs. Blair's case had been considered.

The question of what was or was not necessary for the defence of the Colony was in the hands of a competent authority, namely the Commissioner of Police.

His Lordship here interposed with the remark that the difficulty encountered, before the hearing of the case in Court, was there was no indication from the Commissioner of Police as to on what lines he was exercising his discretion.

After the tiffin adjournment, Mr. Macnamara continued his submission and asked if it was too much for the Government here to make regulations saying that certain persons should not reside in the Colony?

### IN GIBRALTAR

Referring to a submission made by Mr. D'Almada, counsel said that he did not know whether there was compulsory evacuation in England or not but he saw from the newspapers that there had been compulsory evacuation in Gibraltar. What was necessary here, said counsel, might possibly be undesirable in England. Also, what may be quite right and proper in Hongkong might be considered the reverse in England. It was entirely a matter for the Government.

Mr. Macnamara added that his instructions were that the compulsory evacuation scheme had not been stopped but had been suspended.

## Legislative Council Tomorrow

At the Legislative Council meeting to be held tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. the Colonial Secretary will move that the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 10), dated Dec. 19, 1940, be adopted.

The Attorney General will move the First reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919"; "A Bill to amend the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930."

The Attorney General will also move the Second and Third readings of—

"A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912."

The Financial Secretary will move the following resolution:—

"That the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 be approved."

## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

### FOOD PRESERVING LICENCE REFUSED

Application for a food preserving licence for No. 2, New Kak Hang Village, ground floor, was refused by a meeting of the Urban Council yesterday on the ground that the premises were not suitable.

It was decided the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Present at the meeting were the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. N. C. McLeod, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. C. Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, M. B. E., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary).

Licences granted by the Council during the past fortnight were:—Food Factories 1, Food Preserving Establishments 1, food shops 1, offensive trades 1 and eating houses 1.

## Memorial Service For Late Chief Scout

A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Baden-Powell will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next, Jan. 19, at 3.30 p.m.

## DE GAULLE'S REPLY TO FRENCHMEN IN COLONY

In reply to a cable sent by the Committee of "France Libre" of Hongkong on the Eve of the New Year, General de Gaulle cabled as follows:—

Blau, Committee France Libre, Hongkong. I thank all Free Frenchmen for their good wishes and formulate hope that 1941 will be the Year of Victory and deliverance of France.

DE GAULLE

The above cable is translated from the original in French.

Counsel submitted that there was clear power under the Order-in-Council to make the regulations for removing from this Colony people whom the Government judged to be an incumbrance to the defence of the Colony. He did not think there was anything unreasonable if it was decided that the people sent to Australia should for the time being not be allowed to return.

### EXAMINE FACTS

Replying, Mr. D'Almada contended that the regulations could not reasonably be stated to be capable of assuring public safety and he still maintained that the only way in which one could come to any conclusion was to examine the facts and the circumstances at the time when the Order was made. He submitted that beyond all doubt the regulations were ultra vires of the Act.

The Chief Justice, in view of the importance of the issues involved in this case I shall give my reason in writing. I shall deliver a written judgment on Tuesday next, at 10 a.m.

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Hong Kong, 15th January, 1941.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE

Mr. A. H. K. Cobb has this day been appointed General Manager of this Company.

G. MISKIN,  
Chairman.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1941.

## DIVIDEND NOTICE

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend for the half year ending 31st December, 1940, will be—

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1941, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land near Tai Shui Hang, Demarcation District 169, New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

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No person shall be eligible to bid at the sale who has not previously delivered to the auctioneer a written approval signed by His Excellency the Governor or by an officer duly authorised by him in that behalf. Such approval to be applied for at the Colonial Secretary's Office not later than 18. 1. 41.

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By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1941.

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## KEEPING WAR OUT OF AMERICA

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, late opponent of President Roosevelt for White House honours, who seems to have surprised his erstwhile supporters by declaring himself in favour of the "lend or lease" plan to aid Britain, scored a significant point for the President's policy when he said on Monday that the question which was of gravest concern to the United States was, not how to keep America out of the war, but to keep the war out of America. Mr. Willkie answered the question himself when he pointed out that he was convinced that democracy was in danger and, therefore, every possible assistance should be rendered Britain to prevent the war from reaching America. The appeasement clique, led by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, who according to his own statement, resigned from the office of United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James, "to help the President to keep the United States out of war," has immediately put their own construction on this pronouncement. The implication is that Mr. Willkie is afraid that the President's policy will inevitably involve the United States in hostilities in Europe and that, therefore, he is making a private visit to Britain for the purpose of finding out for himself how far British resistance will be able to hold out against the Axis Powers.

NOTHING IS, perhaps, further from Mr. Willkie's mind. After his numerous public declarations of his determination to support the administration to the best of his ability in order to secure a unified policy for the Government, Mr. Willkie's visit to Britain has to be regarded as having been decided in the same spirit of co-operation which he has showed since he lost his election fight for presidential candidacy. At no time has he shown that he is in favour of appeasing the aggressors and his most recent statement that everything should be done to keep the war out of America means nothing else than that he is in full agreement that the democracies must be

## B.W.O.F. GRANT TO BRITISH RED CROSS

## Supplies Shipped To Middle East

A further sum of £2,000 has been remitted to the British Red Cross, England, out of the balance of funds with the Hon. Treasurer of the British War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,528/8/8 to date.

In addition, ten cases of hospital supplies, woollen garments and old clothes have been shipped to British Red Cross, England, and one case of wooden garments to the Royal Naval Depot by the courtesy of the Glen Line Ltd.

A beginning has also been made with supplies to the Middle East. Shipments to date have reached a total of 202 cases.

The following appeared in the latest fortnightly Summary of Work issued by the British Red Cross—

"During the weeks ending Oct. 5, the Central Hospital Service Supply Department received more than 10,000 gifts from overseas and nearly 33,000 from Home sources. (The largest contribution came from Hongkong, it contained 6,790 items.)"

strengthened to the utmost to secure that end. The personal contacts which Mr. Willkie will be able to make with members of the British Government will enable him to get a clearer insight into the requirements which Britain and her allies urgently need. This knowledge will be invaluable to him as the head of big business in America and it is equally certain that he will then be in the best position of the big business class to influence waverers on the necessity for giving Britain the materials she needs for keeping the war out of the United States.

THE ATTEMPT made by the Kennedys to use the "keep out of war" slogan as ground for seeking peace with the aggressors and to oppose the President's policy of helping Britain thus becomes even more futile—particularly so when neither Mr. Kennedy nor his supporters have tried to specify the kind of peace which they feel should be sought. That is the all important question today. There is no doubt that the whole world looks anxiously towards a permanent and lasting peace, but, in view of the havoc which the forces of might have wrought in Europe and the threat which they still hold out to the rest of the world, certain conditions must be fulfilled before that peace is obtained. Otherwise, the same thought of how long peace will last will continue to haunt the world. There is a vast majority of opinion in the United States today which favours the entry of America into the war as an ally of Britain, China and Greece—the three countries who are at present actively resisting aggression—as the best way to secure this permanent peace. Mr. Kennedy and his supporters belong to the group that fears that aid to Britain will bring about American participation in the hostilities, but they have failed to specify at which point this aid will put the United States in the war. Neither have they tried to indicate what they propose the country should do were Britain defeated. Appeasers, therefore, will find no support in the American policy of today which is firmly convinced that the only way to keep the war out of the United States is by total aid for democracy. It is this policy which the President is determined to pursue with the least possible delay.

## CONFUSED RUMANIAN POSITION

## SPLIT IN IRON GUARD

"The behaviour of the different factions in Rumania must seem most contrary and the situation there is, indeed, most confused," said MR. D. J. HALL, B.B.C. news commentator, who recently returned to London from Bucharest, in the course of a broadcast talk from Daventry.

BRIEF RESISTANCE  
"Herr Hitler, however, is anxious that the outside world should be confused as to what is happening there. When the Germans took control of the country, there was some show of resistance as the Rumanians as a whole were not ready to submit to their rule and during a brief period it did look as if they would make a stand against the Germans."

"This feeling, however, quickly passed away, as there was no one in the country to lead the angry elements and the situation today has become increasingly chaotic."

IRON GUARD DIVIDED  
"The Iron Guard has now become divided—one party supports General Antonescu and the other has formed a party of their own. In the meantime, the Germans are moving more and more troops into the country, but it is not certain whether the state of anarchy which now prevails in the country exactly suits the Germans."

"They are anxious to get valuable oil supplies in Rumania and they fear that the risk they have taken might go too far and that with the country thrown into confusion, the dangers of sabotage are likely to constantly increase."

"The Rumanians really hate the Germans, but the reports now coming from the country must be treated with caution, since Rumania is more or less closed to the outside world."

## JAPANESE ASSAULT ON N.E.I. WILL START AT BORNEO, SAY STRATEGISTS

If Japan makes its anticipated assault upon the Netherlands East Indies, strategists believe the initial attack will not be made at Java but upon Borneo with the oil refining and the shipping of the city of Balikpapan as the first objective, writes Hallett Abend, in the Manila Bulletin.

Dutch authorities in Balikpapan, Borneo, Netherlands East Indies, continue ceaselessly preparing and are exercising unceasing vigilance.

The Straits of Macassar between Borneo and Celebes are continuously patrolled by small gunboats and minelayers, while air-planes are scouting the seas within a radius of 400 miles from day-break to sunset, guarding against a surprise invasion.

## HAZARDOUS APPROACHES.

Balikpapan is more heavily mined than Batavia and Macassar, the minefields extending miles seaward. For safety the channel is frequently changed. So hazardous have approaches been made that all vessels entering or leaving the harbour are preceded by minesweepers with outspread paravanes. Also, the ports are opened for arrivals and departures only between the hours of 6 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The prison at Balikpapan already is holding several scores of Japanese and several hundred others have been transported to Java prisons and are serving long terms. These men in the guise of fishermen were found within forbidden waters. Many boats have been confiscated and entire crews swiftly tried and convicted.

## DAY OF TENSION

Early in December there was one day of extreme tension in Balikpapan when a Japanese tanker arrived seeking a cargo of fuel oil and it was found that the tanker had a crew upwards of 500, all of them naval cadets. The commander of the tanker claimed the cadets were making a training cruise.

Despite Japanese protests not a single person was permitted to land. The tanker was hastily filled and escorted outside the minefields before 3 p.m.

Royal Dutch Shell built and owns most of Balikpapan, and has tens of millions of guilders invested there. The company has pipelines draining three fields in the interior, one of which is up-

## FIGHTER COMMAND NEW CHIEF



Air Vice-Marshal W. Sholto Douglas, who has been appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, photographed as he left the Air Ministry.

## MISSING CAR LOCATED

A car reported as missing last night, was found within three-quarters-of-an-hour.

The vehicle, an Austin, No. 1362, belonging to Mr. D. W. Waterton, Senior Inspector of Wireless, was reported stolen while parked outside the Kowloon Bowling Green Club between 3.30 and 9.30 p.m. About 10.15 the car was located in Chatham Road, near Observatory Road, by Sub-Inspector Chiu Poying.

## Position In Southern Pacific More Critical, Says Mr. Bartlett

"The war, to some extent, has now become a race between two outstanding men—President Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., commentator on international affairs, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"Germany's only hope is to win the war before the United States can send us supplies in such quantities that will prevent him from winning it," went on Mr. Bartlett.

## NEXT SIX MONTHS

"The next six months, therefore, will be the most hectic imaginable. The Nazis will create as much trouble as they can and will have to take the initiative to delay or postpone this help that has been promised us."

"It is in this connexion that the position in the Southern Pacific has become more critical. It is probable that for two reasons Herr Hitler has been urging the Japanese end of the Axis to get busy."

"One reason is that he would like to distract British attention from the Mediterranean and the other is that he would prefer to see American supplies going across the Pacific and not across the Atlantic."

## A RAW DEAL

"The Japanese, however, have had rather a raw deal from Germany and Italy and it is not clear what Japan has gained by signing a military alliance with the Axis Powers. The withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Kwangsi Province in China has encouraged the Chinese and the Japanese seem to be losing their grip on the situation there."

"The French in Indo-China have not shown the same degree of demoralisation as the French in France. As far as the Dutch East Indies are concerned, there is no doubt that it is most attractive to the Japanese, but Japan's share in the total traditum over there in the matter of oil particularly is less than 9 per cent, while the figures for the British Empire are 56 per cent, for the United States 18 per cent, and for Holland herself 17 per cent."

"There is no longer reason to doubt also that the Dutch East Indies could not put up a stiff fight if they are attacked. It must be remembered that they are not far from the naval base of Singapore."

## STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES

"It is in these circumstances that the dispute between French Indo-China and Thailand has flared up. It seems strange and rather sad to think of them being at war, because I do not know which country gives you a more charming impression."

Mr. Bartlett went on to give a brief description of Thailand and the pleasing impression the country and its people had made on him. He also referred in the same terms to French Indo-China.

"The Thailanders", he said, "have a pretty good claim for a small part of Indo-China. The great Mekong River divided the two countries and the present dispute seems to be over this. The French want the boundary to run along the Thailand shore of the river."

"There is a feeling that the Japanese are encouraging the Thailanders against Indo-China from outside, while they themselves are at work on Indo-China from within and in that way are trying to gain control of this valuable French territory."

## JAPANESE LEADERSHIP

"The Germans themselves have cast longing eyes at Indo-China, but at the moment they cannot object if Japan wants to live up to the terms of the pact which states that Germany and Italy recognise the leadership of Japan in the New Order in Greater East Asia."

"The other nations which do not recognise this leadership of Japan are watching the quarrel between Indo-China and Thailand with the growing suspicion that it is being encouraged by Japan and that the Japanese are being encouraged, perhaps a little reluctantly, by Germany."

## STRANGE ARGUMENTS

"The encouragement by Germany is, of course, connected with the United States interest in the Atlantic and the British interest in the Mediterranean."

"The German Press is now reserving the phrases, it used against Mr. Churchill for Mr. Roosevelt, and all sorts of strange arguments are being used. The latest is that Mr. Harry Hopkins has had to go to London to delay United States help to Britain and that if he decides that Britain was going to lose the war no materials would arrive to help Britain. As we know, however, there is nothing now to prevent this assistance to us from the Western Hemisphere."

"As for the British interest in the Mediterranean, that also shows no signs of lessening. The Germans who have been sent to the Mediterranean to help Italy are expected now to remain on the Italian side of that sea and this means that they will have to operate against Britain over a considerable distance."

"At the same time there is no doubt that they will be able to hamper British shipping and this fact has not been lost sight of by us."

## SITUATION IN LIBYA

Turning to the situation in Libya, Mr. Bartlett said that it now seemed certain that the capture of Tobruk was now only a matter of time. The position of the Italians in Albania was just as bad.

"Everywhere the Italians must be reflecting bitterly on Signor Mussolini's attempts to build a new empire with command of the sea," said Mr. Bartlett.

"I do not think it would be wise to say more than that we are more determined than ever to see that the Greeks have not made their sacrifices in vain. Yugoslavia and Turkey are just as interested as we are in the Nazi pressure on Bulgaria and there is the danger for Herr Hitler that they will be involved in the war if German troops have to pass through Bulgaria."

All this may hasten an attempt by the Nazis to invade the British Isles, though the prospects of making a landing on British soil have grown smaller than ever. The more one thinks of this, the less one can see of any chance of success for Herr Hitler."

## NEWSETTES

A war-time intercession service was held in the St. Andrew's Church yesterday evening, the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach officiating.

A Charity Performance will be held at the French Convent, Causeway Bay, on Friday, Jan. 17, at 5.30 p.m.

A Requiem Mass was held yesterday morning at the Rosary Church for the late Rev. Mother Biff who was killed in the recent bombing of Waichow Island.

The death occurred on October 16, killed in action, of Pilot Officer Anthony Beresford Tisdall, R.A. F.V.R., aged 21, dearly loved son of Hilda and Beresford D. Tisdall, Commissioner of Customs, China.

The distribution of certificates and prizes of the Suiyungpin Vernacular School for Boys (Vernacular Middle School) will be held on Monday, Jan. 20, at 11 a.m. Mr. J. Ralston, M.A., Senior Inspector of Schools, will present the awards.

The Chinese in British Malaya were urged to co-operate closely with the local British authorities in the defence of the area by Gen. Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs and China's Goodwill Envoy to the South Sea Islands. Gen. Wu is returning to China, via Burma. He left Singapore for Rangoon on Jan. 11, says Central News.

Funeral services were held in Shanghai, on Jan. 7, for the late Mr. John Phillip Tomlin, aged 52 years, husband of the late Mrs. Emmie Tomlin. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of Christ the King by the Reverend Father J. F. Magner, S.J., in the morning. Interment took place at the Hunglao Road Cemetery in the afternoon when Father Magner read the last rites of the Roman Catholic Faith.



## LEASE AND LEND BILL PASS REPRESENTATIVES

### Administration Wins First Brush With Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The first step to rush the Lease and Lend Bill through Congress was taken yesterday when a vote in the House of Representatives cleared the way for the Bill to come before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

An effort by the Military Affairs Committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated. The vote was taken without a debate as the rules of House allow no discussion on such an issue.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, will be the first witness at today's hearings.

The vote is regarded as a victory for the Administration in the first brush with Congress over the Bill.

Support appears to be steadily growing for the suggestion that Britain should be requested to post the bulk of her remaining dollar holdings in the United States against materials to be supplied under the Lease and Lend plan.

#### PROPOSAL ENDORSED

The influential Washington Post endorses the proposal but recalls Mr. Andrew Mellon's statement in the War Debts debate that a good customer in Europe is worth more in dollars and cents than all war debts lumped together and asks, "Are we going to intensify the improvement of Europe which might then be our outstanding problem as well as theirs?"

It also draws attention to the possibility of using the Lease and Lend Bill and any provision in it for posting collateral in order to cushion the world gen-

erally in the period of post-war re-adjustment.

The newspaper suggests the use of part of Britain's overseas assets to buy foodstuffs and materials necessary to put post-war Europe back on its feet.

#### WILLIE SUPPORT

Meanwhile, Mr. Wendell Willkie's support of the Lease and Lend Bill, which has been heartily welcomed by the Administration and most of the Democrats, may determine his future position and influence in the Republican Party.

Certainly his statement caused a split in the Party and it remains to be seen whether he can carry the majority of the Republicans with him or whether they will go over to the Landon-Hoover group.

However, Mr. Willkie gets considerable support from the press. Staunchly, the Republican Baltimore Sun comments that he has risen above partisanship in advocating the general principle of the Bill and asking for safeguards to ensure reversion to the people of the powers that the Bill delegates to the President.

#### BRITISH HOLDINGS

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, United States Secretary of Treasury, disclosed that the British Government is negotiating with large groups of American investment trusts for the sale of British investments in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau said, "One very large group of investment trusts has made one offer and another group will make an offer tomorrow." He added that Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury representative now in Washington, had informed him that the British Government was "ready to do business with them."

Mr. Morgenthau said that he could not estimate the amount of securities that might be involved or disclose the identity of the companies which might buy them. The British were encountering no great difficulty in selling American securities regularly traded on organized exchanges.

The Federal Board recently placed the value of these investments at \$850,000,000.

#### TIME LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Suggestion of a possible attempt to impose a time limit on the powers given to President Roosevelt under the Aid for Britain Bill was made at the press conference held by Mr. Sam Raeburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, yesterday.

Mr. Raeburn said that he would not oppose the imposition of the time limit provided it "ran concurrently with the emergency."

### GIVE VERBAL APPROVAL

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being down across the Atlantic for the use of the R.A.F. They comprise the LOCKHEED-HUDSON long-range reconnaissance bombers, the BOEING B17 four-engined fighters, two-engined flying boats and LOCKHEED bombers.

#### LIQUIDATE INVESTMENTS

According to an Australian message, Britain is considering the liquidation of British investments in America, valued at \$332,000.

#### TATT'S VIEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Senator Tatt, one of the leading members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, advocates an outright scrapping of the Bill and will offer a counter-proposal calling for cash loans to Britain if, and when, needed.

The most important thing for Congress to do, said Senator Tatt today, was to refuse the President such broad powers and to keep the aid for Britain separate from the United States defence.

He added that in his view a loan to Britain should be advanced when the British assets are exhausted.

## MENZIES TO VISIT LONDON



A message from London yesterday stated that Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, would be visiting London in the near future.

He is expected to have discussions with Mr. Churchill and other Ministers of the Government.

Mr. Menzies, in a statement yesterday, said, "I think my impending visit will be welcome to the British Government and I trust it will be useful for the conduct of the war."

## Aerodromes Bombed On Sudan Frontier

The latest R.A.F. communique from Cairo announces the bombing of aerodromes on the Sudan frontier on Jan. 12 and 13. Two hangars were destroyed, three hit and several fires started among administrative buildings.

At least nine aircraft on the ground, which are believed to be German, were destroyed, says a London message.

Another enemy aerodrome at Benina was also attacked and a night raid was also carried out in East Africa on the same dates.

#### NOTHING FRESH

The latest military communique from Cairo states that there is nothing fresh to report on the Libyan front but that patrol activities continue on the Sudan frontier.

The R.A.F. are also helping to round up Italians who are still wandering about in the Bardia region.

One R.A.F. fighter pilot saw about 150 Italians wandering about the shore. He circled over them until British troops arrived and took them prisoner.

South African warships are now co-operating with the British Navy outside South African waters and a flotilla of minesweepers has joined the Royal Navy.

## Overseas Capital Sought For Kwangsi Development

To develop war-time economy and replenish national resources for prosecuting the war of resistance, the Kwangsi Provincial Relief Association is inviting capital investment by overseas Chinese in Malaya for the reclamation of waste land in the province.

A total area of 166,000 mow of undeveloped land in the Liu River valley in northern Kwangsi has been marked out for reclamation. The area will be parcelled out in 12 districts, each to be operated by a reclamation company.

In a prospectus soliciting investment, the Association promises to give every possible assistance and facility to overseas Chinese investors. It is estimated that for the reclamation of a district of 10,000 mow to 20,000 mow, a sum of from \$200,000 to \$500,000 will be required.

#### COMPLETE RECLAMATION

The project aims at the increase of production of agricultural produce. Pending the complete reclamation of the waste land, potatoes, corns, beans and peanuts will be cultivated in the first few years. It is estimated that 500 catties of potato can be produced on each mow of the reclaimed land. Afforestation and animal husband-

## THAI ARTILLERY FIRE ON VIENTIANE FOR HOUR

HANOI, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, in a communique, says that on Jan. 11 Thai planes bombed Kenphabao and Napheng and on Jan. 12 Thai artillery fired on Vientiane for one hour while at Paklay, on the border 95 miles west of Vientiane, Lao and Thai infantry exchanged fire.

The communique denies the reports that the Indo-Chinese forces have withdrawn 50 kilometres from the border near Sisophon or that Japanese naval forces have asked permission to land at Saigon.

#### ENEMY RETREAT

SINGAPORE, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—A Thai Consulate communique says that in the north-eastern sector the Thai forces, supported by the air force, advanced and attacked the enemy shelling Thai territories and the enemy retreated.

In the eastern sector the enemy continued to retreat leaving many dead and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Thai forces occupied abandoned positions and continued to pursue the enemy.

#### THAI RETALIATION

BANGKOK, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—According to the High Command, two French planes bombed Nakhonpanom on Sunday, causing casualties to civilians. The Thai Air Force retaliated and raided Suwannakhet with satisfactory results. All bombers returned.

#### JAPANESE SUPPLIES

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—No Japanese are taking any practical interest in the Franco-Thai conflict, Mr. Ishii declared.

When asked, in an interview given to foreign Pressmen by Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Japanese Board of Information, whether there is any change in Japan's policy in regard to the supply of war materials to Thailand and French Indo-China since the outbreak of the fighting between these two countries, Mr. Ishii admitted that Japan had sold several small gunboats and other warships to Thailand a long time ago, but he stated that no large amount of war materials had since been sold to Thailand by Japan.

## DEATH OF GEN. CHU CHING-LAN

The death occurred in San of General Chu Ching-lan, member of the National Relief Commission, at the age of 68.

Gen. Chu, formerly an army commander and ardent public welfare worker, has been undertaking relief work for the numerous refugees in various places despite his advanced age since the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Born in Shaoshing, Chekiang, the deceased first served under the Manchu Regime as Commander of 17th Army and Inspector-General of Heilungkiang. After the overthrow of the Manchu Regime he became Civil Governor of Kwangtung.

In recent years, he has devoted himself to famine relief work in China and served as a member of the National Famine Relief Commission since 1939.

Gen. Chu was well-known among both Chinese and foreigners for the integrity of his character and personality. (Central News).

## BOARDED WHITE HOT SHIP

### HOW CREW SAVED TANKER

Further details of how the San Demetrio, one of the 32 ships in the convoy which escaped a German pocket battleship in the Atlantic, reached port badly burnt and without navigation instruments were made known recently. The San Demetrio is a tanker of 8,073 tons.

"We sailed with a cargo of 11,200 tons of gasoline and we brought in 11,000 tons." That is how one of the officers sums up the voyage of a vessel saved, first by the gallantry of the Jervis Bay, secondly by the exertions of her crew.

#### BADLY HIT

The San Demetrio was badly hit by the pocket-battleship, and the order was given to abandon ship.

The boats dropped astern and 10 minutes later they saw her start to blaze. In one boat were 16 officers and men, among them an American, a seaman and a seaman from the Shetland Islands, whose knowledge of boat work in the heavy weather, which lay ahead did much to save the San Demetrio herself as well as this boat's crew.

The weather had been fine, but by midnight a full gale was blowing. By dawn great seas were running. At midday, however, the men sighted a tanker to leeward, and at 5 p.m. they got alongside.

It was their own ship. She was still burning and gasoline lay on the water all round her, so they decided not to board that night. But when dawn broke she was not in sight.

Fortunately, the weather had moderated and it was possible to get a sail up. By one of those extraordinary chances which occur at sea they tell in with the San Demetrio again. This time they got aboard.

#### STILL BURNING

She was white hot amidships, her bridge and accommodation were gutted. There was a fierce fire still burning aft, and she was down by the bow. Down below, the engineers set about getting steam on the pumps in an engine-room flooded to the floor plates. On deck the remaining hands fought the fire with buckets and fire extinguishers, chipping the burning cork insulation off.

There was gasoline washing over the decks, and every time the ship pitched, more gasoline gushed up through the shell splinter holes.

By 5.30 p.m. the chief engineer had 80 lb. steam pressure, and the hoses could be used instead of buckets. By daybreak next day all the fires were out and most of the rents in the decks and upper works were plugged, a job which the American particularly delighted in, being up to his neck in the sea most of the time.

Eight days after the raider's attack the San Demetrio made a landfall. She had no signalling flags. (They had all been burnt). The only flag she had left was her Red Ensign and that had been flying throughout her adventurous voyage—symbol of the merchant navy's courage and determination.

## UNITED STATES WANT AIR, NAVAL BASES IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Singapore and islands in the Pacific are being discussed in Congressional circles here in connection with proposals that Britain be asked to post some collateral against supplies to be received under President Roosevelt's "Lend and Lease" plan.

Among the suggestions heard in the capital is one that the United States should acquire from Britain strategically placed Pacific islands such as Gilbert, Ellice, Phoenix and Tokelau which form a curve round the Japanese mandated area and which are known to contain harbours suitable for United States naval and air bases.

In addition it is suggested that the United States acquire some rights in Singapore for the general protection of the Pacific interests of Britain and America.

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## Strong P.I. And N.E.I. Need To Prevent U.S.-Japan War

BANDOENG, JAVA, Jan. 3.—The newspaper Preangerbode, commenting on President Roosevelt's recent fireside talk, declared today that a strong Dutch East Indies and a strong Philippines are necessary to prevent a Japanese-American war.

Preangerbode said an increase in the strength of these countries would "make the New Order in East Asia still more illusory and decrease the probability of a Japanese-American war."

"It is therefore in the United States' direct interest to supply the NEI with all war materials it needs for increasing its forces," said the newspaper. "In a United States-Japanese war, the NEI and the Philippines will be the first lines, which need an enormous supply of war material."

#### U.S. AID

The paper urged Washington to investigate the possibilities of large-scale supplying of war materials to the NEI and the Philippines, adding that the NEI would be willing and able to pay for all war materials the United States could send it.

The paper said American aid for England was aimed in the first place at keeping the United States out of war and that it must be recognized no material price would be too high in achieving this aim. President Roosevelt is convinced a German defeat by Britain is the only means to prevent a U.S.-German war, the paper pointed out.

Preangerbode compared the situation in the Atlantic with that in the Pacific and concluded that strengthening of NEI and Philippine armed forces is of paramount importance.

## K.C. SITS FOR A JUDGE

### First Time In Legal History

So that there should be no delay in the trial of two cases down for hearing at the Law Courts recently by Mr. Paul Ernest Sandlands, K.C., deputised for Mr. Justice Humphreys, who was ill and unable to sit in his court in the King's Bench Division.

This novel course was adopted at the suggestion of counsel in the actions, Mr. Norman Fox-Andrews and Mr. P. E. Rawlins, who obtained the consent of Mr. Justice Hilbery and of the parties concerned.

Mr. Sandlands, who has often been mentioned as a possible future High Court judge, was summoned from his chambers by telephone. He sat in court without wig or gown—not on the judge's bench, but at the Associate's table just below Counsel in the cases also did not wear their wigs and gowns. They sat on a bench facing Mr. Sandlands and called him Sir. But occasionally they forgot and addressed him as My Lord.

#### DAMAGES AWARDED

In one case Mr. Sandlands awarded the husband of a woman killed in a road accident £713 damages. In the other, he awarded an injured motor-cyclist £130. Mr. Fox-Andrews said that the decisions would be enforced by the order of the court if necessary.

A court official said that the course adopted could not have been taken without the consent of the parties.

"Mr. Sandlands really sat as an arbitrator or official referee," he pointed out. "It must be the first time in legal history that such a step has been taken."

Mr. Sandlands, who is 62, was called to the Bar 40 years ago. He has had judicial experience as a Recorder. Besides Mr. Justice Humphreys, Mr. Justice Atkinson and Mr. Justice Henn Collins have been ill this week.

BERLIN, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—The Swedish Press was violently attacked by the Berlin BOERSEN ZEITUNG yesterday, and particularly offences were taken at the report from the London correspondent of the AFTONBLAD, saying that the R.A.F. was about to change roles with the Luftwaffe.

## Greeks Give Italians No Respite

### WHY SODDU WAS DISPLACED

THE GREEKS ARE GIVING the Italians no respite in Albania and fighting is continuing on all fronts, states a London message.

The Greek spokesman said that the Italians are fighting defensive actions and are being forced to yield up their positions one by one.

An American commentator, discussing the fighting, said that the battle was being carried on in a deluge of rain. The Italians and the Greeks are so close together that Greek and R.A.F. bombers dare not intervene for fear of hitting the Greek positions.

The Italians, however, are being slowly driven back and the correspondent went on to relate how the Greeks used megaphones to tell the Italians that General Soddu had resigned.

#### TRENCH MORTARS

The Italians answered with trench mortars to which the Greeks replied for three hours. During a lull in the fighting the Greeks were astonished to see some Italians tobogganing down the slopes towards them. For the moment they thought that the Italians were going to counter-attack but found that the men were deserters from the Italian Army who told the Greeks that they had had enough of the war.

It was also learnt from them that there were 2,000 Italians in that position and that one-third of these were either killed or wounded.

An Athens statement yesterday declared that the first regiment of Greek volunteers comprised of those who came from the Dodecanese Islands to enlist took their oath of allegiance to the King of the Hellenes.

#### SCHOOL BOMBED

In the meantime the Italians continue to bomb undefended towns. Their latest victims were a girls' school and a hospital.

Nothing is yet known about the hostages numbering over 100 whom the retreating Italians took with them in contravention of International Law.

An Australian message adds that the spirited Greek offensive has frustrated all Italian attempts to reinforce their position.

The main objective of the Greeks is Berat.

It was also announced in the Australian message that Gen. Soddu was displaced owing to the fall of Klisura and this is taken to indicate the distrust and demoralisation which exists in the Italian High Command.





The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of H.M. the Queen, is one of the distinguished speakers who contribute regularly to the "Britain Speaks" series in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

#### TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Dr. Roy Mar, of Oi Kwan Building, Nos. 63-65 Des Voeux Road Central, 15th floor, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday for parking his car for more than two hours at the Connaught Road Car Park on Jan. 3. Pleading guilty through a representative, defendant was fined \$5.

Shun Sheung Fook, c/o National Store at No. 16, Boundary Street, Kowloon, summoned for driving his car at a speed of 38 miles per hour within the built-up area at Hennessy Road on Dec. 30 last was fined \$10.

Defendant said that he was driving at 30 miles per hour only, and that he was owner of the Sheum Cheung, being in a hurry to get to the circus at Causeway Bay.

Summoned for a similar offence, driving a lorry at a speed between 30 and 32 miles per hour in excess of the 15-miles-per-hour limit, on King's Road on Dec. 30 last, Chow Pak, of No. 45, Sai Street, second floor, was cautioned. It was stated that the road was clear and there was no danger of an accident at that time.

#### MURDER CHARGE

A journalist appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a murder charge.

Defendant was Lo King-yu, 32, of No. 43, Tai Street, ground floor, who was alleged to have murdered Lo Wai-tsun, at No. 76, Marble Road, third floor, on Dec. 5 last.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Feb. 4 at 2.30 p.m.

Det. Sub-Ins. W. N. Dargie is in charge of the case.

#### POSSESSION OF WILD TREES

"I make a point that these are all young trees," remarked Sgt. W. L. Kinloch before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday in the prosecution of an unemployed earth cooile, Cheung Wing, 28, of no fixed abode, charged with possession of 15 wild trees, valued at \$75, at No. 3(E) Government Plantation, near Island Road, on Jan. 13.

Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$75, or in default, serve a term of three months' imprisonment, to be followed by expulsion.

#### WOMAN-GAOLED

Chan Sau-chuen, woman, charged with stealing a quantity of clothing by a trick on three different occasions, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday, and was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

#### MAINTENANCE CASE

A summons for maintenance was brought by Mrs. Blok, alias Chan Yuet-peng, against G. H. Blok, before Mr. Sheldon, yesterday. It was alleged that Blok, being husband of complainant's legal wife, had wilfully neglected to provide reasonable maintenance for her since Jan. 1, 1941.

Defendant, it was stated, was in Singapore.

Mrs. Blok stated that when defendant left he took their marriage certificate but she managed to obtain a copy of it.

According to witness, Blok agreed on May 26, 1939, to pay her \$75 a month maintenance through the Court. The last payment was on Nov. 27 last for December. On Jan. 6 she was handed a letter written by Blok to the Court, notifying that he was stopping payment, since he had left the Colony.

The case was adjourned to Thursday at 11.30 a.m.

### EARTH COOILE FINED

An unemployed earth cooile, Au Hing, 32, was charged before Major Macfadyen on two counts, namely, trespassing on No. 5 (F) Government Plantation, near Chung Hom, on Jan. 13 without lawful authority or excuse, and possessing two fresh pine trees, valued at \$10, at the said plantation on the same day, reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

When arrested, defendant had a chop in his possession.

Fine of \$10 on each charge, or the alternative of 14 days' hard labour, was imposed.

Sgt. Kinloch prosecuted.

### THEFT FROM DOCKS

Charged with stealing nine and a half pounds of nuts and bolts from the Tai Kok Docks on Jan. 13 before Major Macfadyen yesterday, Fun Wah, 21, unemployed boiler maker, was fined \$30 or two months' hard labour.

**GAOL TERM FOR UNEMPLOYED**

Tse Ming, 35, unemployed, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of stealing five pairs of new shoes from the ground floor of No. 170 Wellington Street on Jan. 13.

Prosecuting, Det. Sgt. W. Summers said that defendant was seen on the street, carrying a basket containing the shoes, by two Chinese detectives at 5 a.m. on Jan. 13. He was taken back on suspicion to the police station, where he admitted that he had stolen from the shop at the said address, after breaking open a showcase. The shoes were valued at \$25.

Defendant was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

### BANISHEE IN COURT

Alleged to have stolen a rattan suitcase containing 21 pieces of clothing from a cooile, Wan Wei, 40, of no fixed abode, a 28-year-old unemployed, Yam Sing, of no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Banished from the Colony in March last, defendant was further charged with breach of a deportation order.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour for each charge was imposed, both terms to be run concurrently.

### THREAT ALLEGED

Hearing of the case in which Wong Hah-fong and Cheung Kung-hop were charged with having conspired with another, not in court today, to threaten Tang King-wai with injury to his person to force the latter to drop the prosecution of an action in the Supreme Court against first defendant and the Kin Kee Trading Company was continued before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for complainant while first defendant was represented by Mr. Hin-sing Lo, and second defendant by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

Cross examined by Mr. Silva, first defendant said that he once sent Cheung on his behalf to see complainant for an explanation on some matters relative to a sale of wood oil which complainant had made, but he did not engage Cheung to threaten complainant.

Hearing was adjourned to this afternoon.

### AT KOWLOON

#### SORDID TALE RELATED

The story of how a 14-year-old girl was induced to marry a man almost three times her age and deserted by her husband after having been found too young to be a wife, was related before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday when Ho

## Man Who Opened Fire At Police Officer Is Sentenced At Sessions

A man who fired at Sgt. M. Matheson, of the Hongkong Police, in an attempt to evade apprehension at Lokmachau on Dec. 13 last, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

The man, Man Sau, alias Maung Pu, pleaded guilty to charges of robbery, possession of a pistol and eight rounds of ammunition and snatching with intent to maim, disfigure or disable Sgt. Matheson or otherwise evade lawfully apprehension.

Man Sau was sentenced to six years' hard labour.

**MAN HUNG, alias Tao-pai Man,** jointly charged on the robbery count and also with the possession of a revolver and nine rounds of ammunition, was sent to prison for three years.

#### DEEP BAY ROBBERY

TSOI SUI-LAU, alias Tsoi Tam, and LAU KAU, alias Lai Pui, charged with a junk robbery at Deep Bay on Dec. 10, and possession of two rifles, three revolvers, 150 rounds of ammunition and 15 empty cartridge cases, and MOK KEI, alias Mok Lai, and WONG CHOI, charged with being accessories after the fact, were each sentenced to two-and-a-half years' hard labour.

It was stated by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, that Tsoi and Lau were at present serving sentences for breach of deportation orders.

#### COWARDLY OFFENCE

"It was a cowardly offence. You attacked an old man," remarked

Sui-foon, 28, married woman, residing at No. 63, Sai Kung Road was charged with possession of two wards without giving notice to the S.C.A.

Inspector H.W. Fraser of the S.C.A., prosecuting, said that on Dec. 19 last a 15-year-old girl, called on the S.C.A. She complained that she had been driven out by her husband and was then sleeping at Queen's Road.

Inquiries showed that the girl had been presented to defendant at an early age. On Dec. 11 she was induced to marry a 41-year-old man who after some unsuccessful relations with the girl turned her out into the streets.

The girl was taken to the address where another unregistered ward, Lo Lin, 17, was found in defendant's possession.

Accused was fined \$25 for both charges.

#### RECLAMATION ST. ASSAULT

How a man attempted to get back the valuables, which he had given to a waitress, and was finally assaulted, was told before

Mr. Himsforth yesterday when Tang Leung, 29, shop fook, was charged with assault.

Det. Sgt. W. G. Morrison, prosecuting, said that the complainant, Tai Siu-chung, chairman of the Leung Yung Commercial and Labour Union, had kept a waitress as mistress to whom he gave many valuables.

On New Year's Eve complainant saw the waitress walking with another man. He became jealous and asked the waitress to give him back all the valuables which she refused.

On Jan. 9 about 6.20 p.m. the complainant was walking along Reclamation Street and was accosted by defendant who told him that the things could not be returned.

An argument ensued and defendant was alleged to have assaulted complainant with several other men. Tai received injuries which necessitated treatment at the hospital.

Hearing was adjourned to this afternoon for defendant to call witnesses for his defence.

#### BAIL ESTREATED

R. Richardson, of No. 105, Nathan Road, who was charged with being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner at Peninsula Hotel on Jan. 13, had his bail of \$10 estreated when he failed to appear before Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

#### LARCENY BY SERVANT

To Cheuk, 16, shop cooile, Tang Yat, 34, fitter, and Ho Yung, 35, fitter, all employees of the Bata Shoe Co., were charged before Mr. K.M.A. Barnett with larceny by servant of three pounds of threads, valued at \$9.60.

It was stated that the Police received a telephone call from the Bata Co. about 11.30 a.m. informing them that three employees had been detained in the shop. Defendants admitted that they had sold three pounds of threads to a marine hawk.

his lordship in passing sentence of 15 months' hard labour and 14 strokes of the cane on WONG SAU-NG who pleaded guilty to robbery with violence at Ping Shan on Dec. 10 last.

#### HAU HAND-GRENADE

Charged with attempted robbery aboard a junk in the waters of the Colony on Oct. 10 and possession of a pistol, one round of ammunition and a hand-grenade at Cheungshawan, MAK KAM-SAU, alias Mak Sau, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### TAILOR GAOLED

A Shanghai tailor, CHU CHUNG-WING, aged 24, was sent to prison for six months when he pleaded guilty on arraignment to a charge of possession of a revolver at Shan Kwong Road. The accused is to be sent back to Shanghai.

It was stated that the weapon was well oiled and was loaded.

#### FIVE BANISHEES

LI TONG, alias Leung Shing, and LAI WAN, were each sentenced to 15 months' hard labour for breach of the Deportation Ordinance. Similarly charged, and remanded from the last Sessions, KUNG WANG, alias Man Fan, KUNG TAK-ON and LI TONG, alias Chan Fat, were also each sentenced to terms of 15 months' imprisonment.

Each of the defendants was fined \$10 and first accused was ordered to pay \$1.78 compensation to the Co. the others each paying \$4.

#### JUNK MASTERS CAUTIONED

Three junk masters, Li Tat-wing, 41, Ma Fuk-tung, 54, and Li Yuet-tim, 35, were dismissed with a caution yesterday by Mr. Himsforth who came to the conclusion that the law relative to the moving of rice by sea had been misinterpreted to them.

The junk masters were charged with moving rice by sea without permission from the Food Controller.

Pleading guilty on behalf of defendants, Mr. Peter H. Sin said that his clients had been told by people at the Controller's office that a permit was unnecessary for moving rice from Hongkong to the Mainland or vice versa. Mr. Sin said that another client was informed by others that the transportation of rice to Kowloon for his consumption of the Kowloon residents was not against the law.

### D. O. SOUTH

#### FIREWOOD DEALER FINED

Wong Lit shop-keeper of the Yau Kee firewood scap, No. 16, Chung On Street, Tsun Wan, was fined \$40 by Mr. Balfour when he was found guilty on the charge of unlawful possession of 210 catties, tree wood and 708 catties wild tree wood at New Market Street, Tsun Wan, on Jan. 13.

#### STOLE FROM LAUNCH

For the larceny of 48 catties salt fish from the steam launch Man Kin, at Cheung Chau Harbour, on Jan. 12, Ng Cheung-ngok was fined \$50, or one month's hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Balfour yesterday.

### POLICE REPORTS

Mr. P. Chesser, manager of Gloucester Hotel, reports that someone broke into the wine cellar of the Hotel and stole \$502 worth of brandy.

Dr. R. S. Begbie, of the Bacteriological Institute, has reported the loss of his gold wrist watch, valued at \$150, between Nov. 5 last and Jan. 12.

Mr. G. A. Lawrence, of Watson & Company, has reported the theft of tin packings, valued at \$250, between 12 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 7.30 a.m. on Jan. 13.

Cpl. Willis, of the Military Police, reported that between Jan. 4 and Jan. 13, cables to the value of \$70, property of the military authorities, were stolen from Kennedy Road.

The theft of \$500 worth of cloth from his shop at No. 410, Queen's Road West between 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. on Jan. 13 has been reported to the police by Wong Tung.

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1 Teak Dining Room Suite  
1 Cooking Stove  
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1 Radio-gram "Universe"  
1 Radio Set "G.E.C."  
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On View from Wednesday, the 15th January, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

### LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 18th January, 1941.

Commencing at 11 A.M.

at the godowns of The China Navigation Co., Ltd., West Point

Ex Steamer	Arrived Date	Marks & Numbers	Pkgs. Cargo
"Kaying"	25.3.36	May M. Moore Gloucester House	2. Glass and Woodware
"Anshun"	13.4.36	N/M	5 Old Motor Parts
"Shantung"	28.7.36	U T	17 Ply Wood
"Talyuan"	20.5.37	C H KONG	1 Paper Card
"Shantung"	26.11.37	CHC	6 Book
"Klungchow"	30.11.37	CHC	7 Book
"Soochow"	16.12.37	F K	1 Paper Box
"Newchang"	8.3.40	M.D. Chow	2 Woodware

(The above will be sold unless cleared in the meantime)

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#### A QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

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Cotton Yarn, Gypsum, Nails, Bolts and nuts, Deer Skin, Beans, Groundnut Kernels, Wooden Ware, etc.

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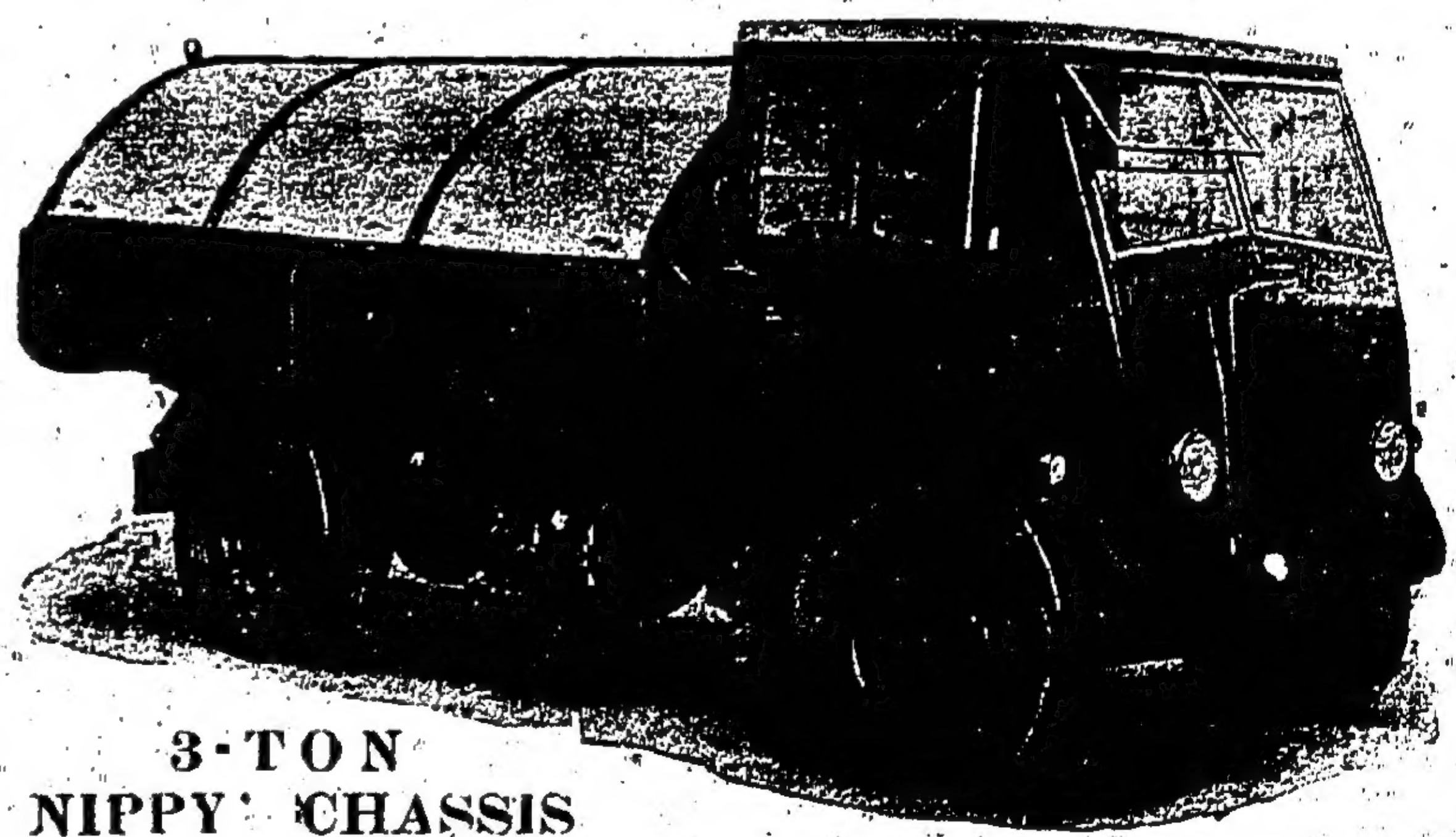
1 case Water fitting  
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## ANGLO-SINO-U.S. FRONT SUPREMELY CONFIDENT

SINGAPORE, Jan. 2.—Various high American, British and Chinese officials in the course of the last three weeks told me that the Anglo-Sino-American front in Asia enters the new year supremely confident and determined to protect their interests, forcibly wherever necessary, writes John R. Morris in the Manila Bulletin.

### £20,000 IN BOX 26 YEARS

#### ROMANTIC LAW COURTS STORY

"A most romantic story," said Mr. Justice Morton, in the Chancery Division when told that securities now of the value of £20,000 lay in a tin box from 1912 until 1938, when a woman, who had been a street flower-seller, was about to be taken to a "poor-house."

The judge had before him a summons taken out by Westminster Bank Ltd., the administrators of Nathan William Perrott, Caroline Perrott and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

The respondents were Mrs. Caroline Kate Newman, wife of William Newman, of Theberton-street, Islington, who claimed to be a grand-daughter of Nathan William Perrott and to be interested in his estate under his intestacy, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, wife of Henry Harris, of Oakridge-road, Bromley, Kent, who claimed to be a niece of Nathan William Perrott and entitled to benefit under the intestacy.

Mr. Wilfrid Hunt, for the bank, said that Nathan William Perrott died in October, 1912. The question raised was whether the court could presume his marriage with Caroline Perrott, who survived him some three months, and also died intestate.

Explaining the delay in finding out about the fortune, Mr. Hunt said that Nathan, a wood-turner, and Caroline Perrott lived together with their daughter Elizabeth.

When Caroline died Elizabeth Perrott earned her living sometimes by selling flowers in the street and sometimes as an office-cleaner.

#### NEVER OPENED

It was suggested in 1938 that she should go into a poor-house, and Miss Perrott was asked if she had any relatives, or "papers." She said her father had left an old locked tin box, but as there was no key it had never been opened. The box was broken open and in it were found deposit notes to the value of £20,000 or £10,000, representing money at the bank, and there were several thousands

of pounds of Government stocks. It was stated that search for the certificate of marriage of Nathan and Caroline had proved unavailing.

Mr. Justice Morton decided that the bank should be at liberty to deal with the estate on the footing that Nathan William Perrott was married to Caroline before the births of Elizabeth Perrott and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

During this period I have travelled from Tokyo by way of Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila to Singapore—the heart of Britain's Far Eastern defense system and the world's largest naval base, which doubtless would be available to the U.S. as well as the British navy if we ever needed it.

Continued the admiral: "Activity out here is now largely confined to protection of trade—hunting down enemy raiders in these waters, the Indian ocean and elsewhere. I cannot say exactly how long this will take but I can say 'certainly' as there will be 365 days in 1941."

"Meanwhile, some losses to merchantmen must be considered inevitable, but this results merely in inconvenience and in no vital damage."

"The spirit in the fleet out here is magnificent. The only difficulty is to check the crews who are bored by the monotony of patrol duty and are eagerly awaiting the signal to fire."

Chun-king's minister of overseas affairs, General Wu Tchen, who is now touring Malaya, told the United Press: "China is growing stronger as Japan is growing weaker."

Numerous American officials whom I recently interviewed, expressed deep satisfaction with the present state of our preparedness in the Pacific area and the progress of our further preparations for any eventuality.

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## WIFE CHARGES HUSBAND WITH MIXING GROUND GLASS IN FAMILY'S BREAKFAST

Candida Subido, 29-year-old mother of two children, living in Manila thought it strange when her husband rose up early morning to prepare their breakfast. Since they had been quarrelling the last few days, the sudden change brought joy to her heart, but their gladness was transformed to horror when scarcely an hour after her husband had fed her children and departed, she found ground glass in the food, reports the Manila Bulletin.

She took her children to the hospital where she found her suspicion to be true. Attending physicians were able to retrieve from the stomachs of mother and children quantities of finely ground glass. Suffering from convulsions, the three were confined at the Philippine General Hospital.

To police investigators Candida revealed that her husband, Medardo Seneca, 30, left their residence at 1012 Rte. 4 F. Munoz, Paco, after their quarrel last Nov. 18. She said she knew her husband was infatuated with a taxi dancer in barrio Olimpia, San Pedro Makati, but he went to live with them again on Christmas Eve. Thursday night they quarrelled because she would not let him go to the cabaret and he threatened to kill the whole family, she said.

She forgot all about the threat, she continued, and worried by the day's household work, she fell asleep. She woke up about 5.30 o'clock the next morning to see Medardo preparing breakfast. Later she saw him feed the children while she finished her washing.

#### CUT HER GUMS

About half an hour after Medardo had gone, she sat down to eat. She was halfway through her breakfast when she cut her gums on a sharp object which she found to be a piece of ground glass.

Brought in for investigation, Medardo steadfastly denied putting ground glass in the food. He admitted preparing the food, but claimed he did not mix it with ground glass.

Assistant City Fiscal David Fernandez Lavadia was notified of the case, but upon learning of the police findings, ordered that the case be brought to him for further investigation. He ordered the release of Medardo, against whom the police will file a charge of frustrated parricide today.

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1941.

SALES	
China Lights X.R.	120 \$ 6.15
China Lights Rts.	74 .05
China's Providents	1,000 5.70
H.K. Docks (O)	100 13.60
H.K. Docks (N)	100 18.10
H.K. Docks (N)	24 13.00
H.K. Electric (N)	115 39.70
H.K. Electric (N)	16 40.25
H.K. Lands	200 34.35
H.K. Lands	100 18.20
H.K. Tramways	200 18.20
Dairy Farms	32 19.25
H.K. Hotels	1,000 3.50
	3,381

The total value is \$36,110.00.

## Finance and Commerce

### Japan's Huge National Debt

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Japan's national debt in the form of domestic and foreign bonds at the end of last year totalled Yen 28,253,200,000, according to an official announcement by the Ministry of Finance. These figures indicate an increase of Yen 1,300,300,000 from the total at the end of November and an increase of Yen 6,733,000,000 compared to that of last year.

### H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Bargain hunters are on the lookout for most stocks, but are not meeting with success.

Buyers	
Union Ins., \$405.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$165.	
Wharves, \$94.	
Trams, \$18.10.	
Star Ferries, \$41.	
Lights Rts., 95 Cts.	
Telephones (O), \$25.25.	
Dairy Farms, \$19.10.	
Entertainments, \$7.	
Constructions (O), \$1.60.	
Sellers	
Electric (O), \$40.25.	
Cements, \$18.60.	
Ropes, \$8.25.	
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.	

### RICE HOARDING IN SHANGHAI: PROFITEERS TO BE PROSECUTED

After taking drastic measures in Chungking and other areas in free China, where one-banker has been shot and numerous officials and merchants have been arrested for hoarding goods, General Chiang Kai-shek is now reported by the Shing Sheng News Agency to be turning his attention to the deplorable hoarding situation in Shanghai, reports the North China Daily News.

General Chiang is stated to have ordered all provincial and municipal authorities to do their best to increase the supply of rice in their respective areas and to reduce the price of the grain.

#### "RELATED PARTIES"

Although there is no administration in Shanghai under his control "related parties" are reported to have received such "circular" orders from him. The orders, the report adds, have been transmitted to the various rice bodies in Shanghai.

When the unscrupulous merchants are arrested, they will be tried in court and since courts in the Settlement are still taking orders from Chungking, developments are being watched with great interest by Chinese circles. Other Chinese reports are complaining that merchants are still holding back their stock awaiting higher prices. One report states that most of the rice stored in godowns here was bought before November of last year and that if it is sold at the present price level, the merchants can make more than \$10 a picul. Still they are not willing to sell.

#### GODOWN INVESTIGATION

Meanwhile, authorities of both foreign areas are reported by the "National Herald" to have sent representatives to investigate rice godowns here to find out the quantities of rice stored and the time when the grain was bought.

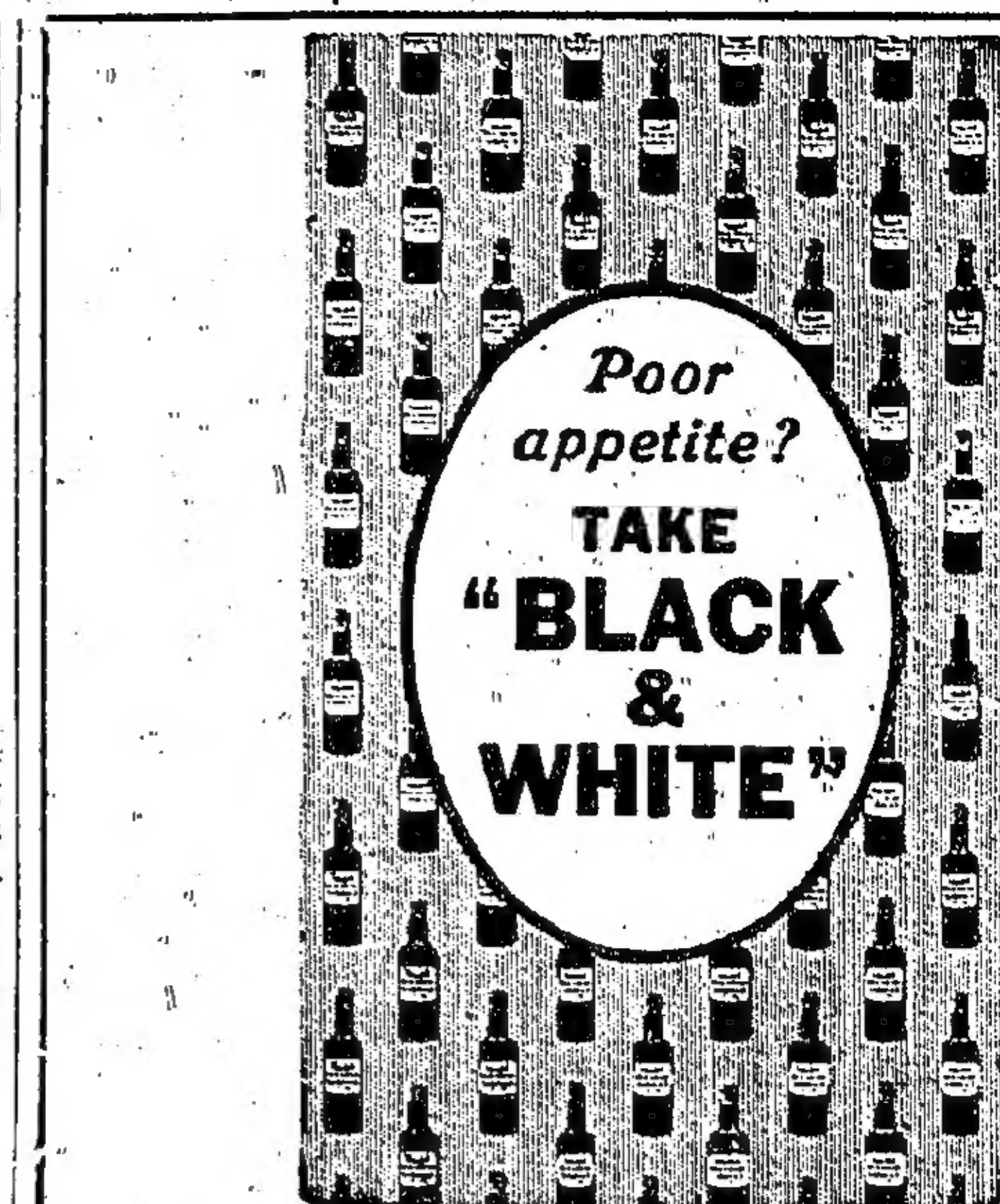
If the report is true, then the authorities have at last done what the Chinese press and the late Mayor Fu Siao-en urged them to do long ago. The consensus of opinion among the Chinese is that in order to strike at the root of the problem, such investigations should be made.

If the rice has been stored for a long time, the merchants who own it must be asked to sell it at a reasonable price otherwise confiscation would be in order. After the rice is confiscated, it may be distributed to the public at a low price.

#### FOR THE POOR

The poor will sigh with relief today as the eighth distribution of broken Saigon rice (amounting to about 30,000 bags) will be conducted by 60 rice shops in both foreign areas, commencing on Jan. 7 for 15 days under the direction of the Shanghai Rice Distribution Committee.

As usual, the police will keep order in front of the rice shops. Owing to the approach of the Lunar New Year, there was increased demand for rice in the Shanghai Rice Market but merchants hoarding the grain were



YOUR FIRST SIP TELLS YOU IT'S THE SCOTCH.

## Pitiable Plight Of Chinese In Southern Kiangsu

Oppressed by miscellaneous illegal levies, the exorbitant cost of living, and banditry, the Chinese living in the Japanese occupied areas of southern Kiangsu are in a pitiable plight, says a Shanghai dispatch to the TA KUNG PAO quoting recent arrivals there from Changchow and Wusih, once rich and prosperous towns on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The hardships experienced by the people in southern Kiangsu, the dispatch states, are chiefly due to the enforcement by the Japanese of strict control over commodities which has resulted in the skyrocketing of prices. Many articles of daily necessity such as pieces goods, sugar, salt, kerosene and matches have been banned by the Japanese from entering the occupied areas.

Although rice is comparatively cheaper than in Shanghai, the dispatch continues, restrictions on transportation imposed by the Japanese have sent up the price up as high as \$70 per picul which is prohibitive to the natives of the districts which are rice producing areas.

Consequently, many people who cannot afford to buy rice are contriving to subsist on flour and potatoes. The food situation is becoming worse due to the poor crop caused by draught last spring.

## PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

Announcements not exceeding 25 Words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

#### WANTED TO BUY

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 6th floor.

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, gold bars, diamonds and jewels. Apply China Gold Refining Co. Pedder Building, 2nd floor, Room 6.

WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 1st floor. Tel. 30727. Eurasia Gold Refining Co.

#### WANTED KNOWN

Why not learn all the Fancy latest stitches for your dresses and sweaters. JOIN THE KNITTING CLASS AT \$3.00 per month (twice a week lesson). Please apply to Box No. 654 c/o HKDP.

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Wool and model desired, to be supplied by customer. Send particulars of address, etc., to Box 502, HKDP.

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to:—Box No. 462 c/o HKDP.

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FOR JADED APPETITES! REAL RUSSIAN FOOD. Dinner \$1.00 • Dinner \$1.25. METROPOLE HOTEL. TEA DANCE DAILY. EXCEPT MONDAYS 5 to 7.30 P.M.

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AUCTIONEERS. GREATEST COLLECTION OF BARGAINS IN TOWN! LAMBERT'S AUCTION ROOM. 10, WYNDHAM STREET. Established 1895. Hongkong.

EAT AT Jimmy's. TAILOR LAM SHU SHEK. 334, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Tel. 57712. Guaranteed delivery 1 suit in 24 hours notice and 6 hours for a pair of trousers.

Help your Friend and his Hobby by giving POSTAGE STAMPS for his collection and SEEDS FOR HIS GARDEN. We can supply the goods of his and your want.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY, 14, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	420
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	103 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 1/2	
and demand	62 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	43 7/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	101 3/4
On Manila:—	
On demand	46 7/8
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 5/16

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 5/16 for Ready and 23 1/4 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being quiet and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 3/4.

## MARKET

Dull.

**STERLING**

Small sellers at 1/3 for near and 1/23 1/32 February/June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Opened with a small seller at 23 3/4 resulting in a small business at 23 3/4 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 1/16 cash and a small buyer at 23 3/4 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 428 1/2, buyers at 429 1/2.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 1/2, both sellers for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

Dull.

## STERLING

The market, closed with sellers at 1/3 for near and 1/23 1/32 February/June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, small buyer at 23 3/4 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

429 sellers.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 1/2, both sellers for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 14 (Reuters).

## Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-7/16	0/3-7/16
New York	5-7/16	5-7/16
Japan	23-1/8	23-1/8
India	18	18
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-7/8	22-7/8

## Sterling

Sellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2
Jan.	0/3-31/64	0/3-31/64
Feb.	0/3-31/64	0/3-31/64

## U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-17/32	\$5-1/2
Jan.	5-1/2	5-1/2
Feb.	5-1/2	5-15/32

Market:—Quiet.

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

Govt. 3% Rupee, 94-00-0.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

## LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 163/-

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 13, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.54	10.43	10.55N	10.48	.07 off
New York Rubber, March			20.08B	20.00B	.06 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, March	13.50	13.43	13.51B	13.44	.07 off

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	10.46 N	10.37/37	10.37 N	.09 off
March	10.54/55	10.50/50	10.48/48	.06 off
May	10.55/55	10.50/51	10.49/50	.08 off
July	10.47/48	10.44/44	10.39/39	.08 off
October	9.95/95	9.89/89	9.91/91	.04 off
December	9.92/92	9.86/86	9.86/86	.06 off

Total sales Saturday:—59,300 bales.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK RUBBER				
March	20.08B	20.00B/08a	20.00B/02a	.06 off
May	19.93B/95a	19.93/93	19.90/90	.03 off
July (New contract)	19.76B	19.68B/80a	19.77 N	.01 up
September	19.60B	unquoted	19.62 N	.02 up

Total sales:—40 tons.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	86 1/2/86 1/2	86 1/2/86 1/2	86 1/2/86 1/2	1 up
July	82 1/2/82 1/2	81 1/2/81 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	1 up
September	82 1/2/82 1/2	—	82 1/2/82 1/2	1 up

Saturday's sales:—unreceived

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
CHICAGO CORN				
May	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	1 up
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	1 up
September	62 1/2/62 1/2	—	62 1/2/62 1/2	unch.

Total Sales for the day:—53 contracts.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COCOA				
March	5.03 N	5.10/10	5.06/06	.03 up
May	5.10 N	5.17/17	5.13 N	.03 up

Volume of business done:—25 lots.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3				
March	2.00B/01a	—	2.00B/01a	unch.
May	2.05B/06a	—	2.05B/06a	unch.

Volume of business done:—206 lots

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4				
March	74/75	74/75	74/75	.01 up
May	77/77 1/2	76/77 1/2	76 1/2/77 1/2	.02 up

Volume of business done:—206 lots

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES				
March	11.08B/15a	11.00B/15a	11.13B/20a	.05 up
July	11.10B/18a	11.00B/15a	11.15B/20a	.05 up

N.Y. Official Silver unquoted

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-3/4

—Correction.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Jan. 13.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	Price
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101
London-K'loon Ry. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	47
Hokan Ry. 5%	17
Kuankang Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'King Ry. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	30 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	54
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	82
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16 1/3
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2% "Q"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2
S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/4
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry.	15 1/2
Great Western Ry.	38 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	90
Dunlop Rubber	33 1/8
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/2

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2256-7/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2259-5/8.

Market:—Steady.

## SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

Silver—Market very quiet and featureless. Business negligible.

Spot, 23-5/16d.

Forward, 23-1/4d.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 13 (Reuters).

Market—Quiet. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-03

Jan. 22 Settlement 62-02

Feb. 22 Settlement 62-03

## Imperial Chemical Ind.

30 1/4

United Steel 22 1/4

Woolworths 54 1/2

Maraman Investments 7 1/8

Western Holdings 11 1/3

Sub-Nigel 155

Rbel Trans &amp; Trad 46 1/3

(bearer) —ex. div.

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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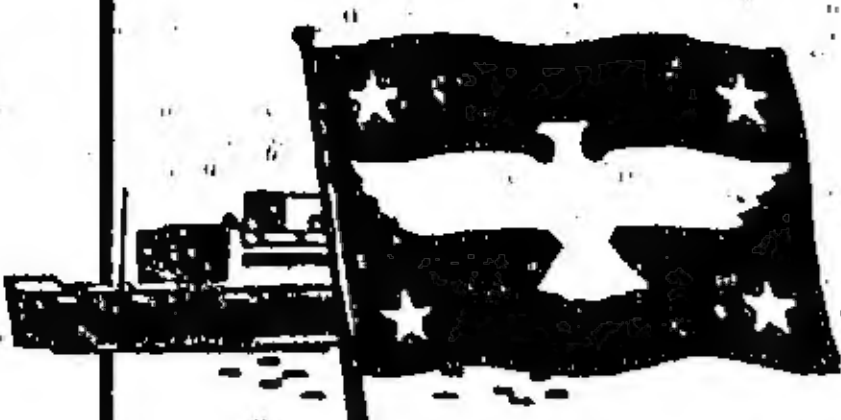
(REUTERS SERVICE)

JANUARY, 14, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 13	STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 13
Adams Express	7 1/2	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36	Mack Truck Inc.	31 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2
Amer. Can.	93 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	37 1/2	Montgomery Ward	39
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Mt.ain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	19 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	19 1/2	National Distillers	24
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Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	48
Aviation Corp.	5	Pacific Gas & Elec	28 1/2
Baldwin Lecomotive	17 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Pan-American Airways	14 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	5 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	88 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Bliss & Co.	17 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Borg-Warner	19 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd M'facturing Corp.	5	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	57	Republic Aviation Corp.	5
Celanese	27 1/2	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	43 1/2	Revere Corp.	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	70	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Safeway Stores	44 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Edison	23	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Consolidated Oil	8	Socoyn-Vacuum Oil	9
Continental Can	39 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Copperweld Steel	17 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	23
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Spic'r Manufacturing Co.	36 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	23 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Deere & Co.	22	Stand Gas & Elec.	14
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18	Standard Oil of California	20 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	77 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	102 1/2	Stone & Webster	8
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker Com.	8 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	38	Swift International	19
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Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	56 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	68	Timken-Axle	33 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	39	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Flinknote	15	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	54 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	70 1/2
Gen. Motors	47 1/2	Union Pacific	84 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	United Aircraft	43
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13	United Airlines Trans	16 1/2
Glidden Co.	14 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	30 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	65 1/2	United Gas Corp.	7 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	20	United Gas Improvement	10 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	27 1/2
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	93 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Smelting	64
Hercules Powder Co.	75 1/2	U.S. Steel	68 1/2
Homestake Mining	51 1/2	Vandium	33
Int Nickel	25 1/2	Valtee Aircraft	9 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	23	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Johnsman	63 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	103 1/2
Kennecott Copper	38 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2
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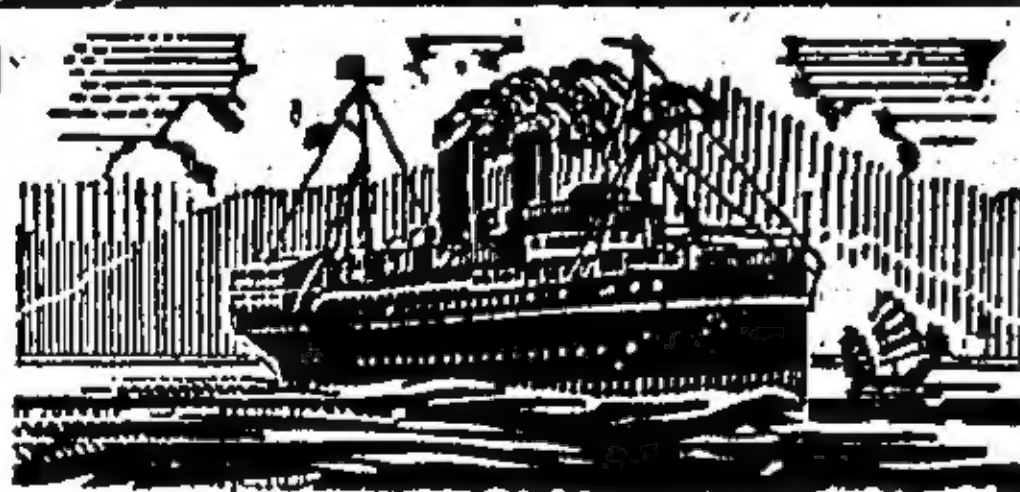
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## ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN:

### Interesting Discourse On Ships' "Marks And Lines"

An interesting discourse dealing with the subject of ships' deck and load-line markings and their history was given yesterday by Mr. T. E. Jackson, Senior Surveyor of Ships, when he spoke before the Hongkong Rotary Club on the subject "Marks and Lines."

The deck and load-line markings of a ship indicate the freeboard considered necessary for the safety of the vessel; and they show the amount of hull which is free of, or above the level of water at which the ship is floating, Rotarian Jackson explained.

"About eighty years ago there had been several shipping disasters with the loss of valuable lives and cargoes, and public interest was aroused to the perils to which the passengers and crews aboard ships were being exposed. The underwriters of insurance on ships cargoes were also hard hit, in one case a cargo valued at £200,000 was lost.

#### ENACTMENT RESENTED

The introduction in 1875 of the legal enactment that ships should be marked with a deck and load-line was in general resented by shipowners and masters but they did not find it a very great disability at first because the Act left it to themselves to fix the

position of the loadline, and some ridiculous positions were found for it.

#### LOYDS FORMULATION

Obviously such a ridiculous situation needed clarification, and Lloyds formulated a simple rule for freeboard which made an allowance of two inches of freeboard per foot depth of hold up to a depth of eight feet, with an addition of one-tenth of an inch for each foot greater than eight feet.

Having realised it was not comprehensive enough, the Committee of Lloyds later gathered and tabulated a lot of information concerning the loading and subsequent behaviour of ships; and by grouping these details under headings which covered the various classes and trades a set of Rules were issued in 1882.

#### LOAD LINE ACT

The Load Line Act was passed in 1890, empowering the application of the tables (formulated by the Committee) to British vessels generally. Slight amendments were made in 1906. A new Load-line Act was passed in 1929 which was the outcome of the International Convention in 1929.

Rotarian Dr. Arthur W. Woo presided at the meeting and Rotarian B. C. Lawrence thanked the speaker. Mr. H. Lawson (Singapore) was the only visiting Rotarian and the following guests were welcomed: Messrs. W. G. Poy, L. J. Caves, A. E. Philipps (Sandakan) D. Kossick, I. M. Murray, A. V. Skvorzov and L. Jack.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF CLUB

Reference was made by Rotarian Dr. Arthur Woo to the forthcoming Tenth Anniversary of the Hongkong Rotary Club which will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 20 by a Dinner instead of the usual Tiffin Meeting.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 67 and the minimum 59. Total rainfall since January 1 is 0.06 inches against an average of 0.34.

Royal Observatory report states: A moderate anticyclone covers Manchuria, Korea, S. Japan and the neighbouring seas. It is moving slowly eastward. Pressure remains moderately high over China.

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory.  
10 a.m., Jan. 14.  
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.20 ins.  
Temperature, 62 F.  
Humidity, 83 per cent.  
Wind Direction, ENE  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.  
Temperature: Maximum yesterday 63 F.  
Temperature: minimum last night 60 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending Jan. today 0.06 ins.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 0.45 ins.  
Against an average of 0.34 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 5.59 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.08 a.m.  
4 p.m., Jan. 14.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.11 ins.  
Temperature, 65 F.  
Humidity, 75 per cent.  
Wind Direction, ESE.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.  
Maximum temperature, 67 F.  
Minimum temperature, 59 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 15 to 21 Jan. 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Wed. 15	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.
	11 29	4 7	04 56
	22 23	8 0	15 54
Thur. 16	11 18	4 9	05 32
	23 0	7 6	16 37
Fri. 17	12 37	5 1	06 11
	23 56	7 2	17 28
Sat. 18	13 24	5 2	06 48
	00 49	8 4	18 21
Sun. 19	14 12	5 4	07 27
	01 54	5 6	08 11
Mon. 20	15 08	5 6	08 11
	03 22	4 9	03 57
Tues. 21	16 09	5 9	23 07

## TURKEY FLOOD HAVOC

### HEAVY LOSSES OF LIVESTOCK

ANKARA, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Many lives were lost and much damage was caused by disastrous floods in the Antioch region in Turkey where the River Asi overflowed following torrential rains.

The floods swept away bridges, wrecked mills, destroyed roads, uprooted trees and inundated farm lands over a wide area.

The losses of livestock have been heavy and communications are completely disrupted.

Inhabitants are being evacuated from a large zone.

(The rains continue.)

## U.S. LINER AGROUND

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—Coastguards tried fruitlessly for hours, to refloat the liner Manhattan.

Several hawsers snapped during the attempts and ground swells carried her further ashore.

Arrangements are being made to remove the liner's 200 passengers.

Some passengers of the Manhattan were taken off by Coast Guard cutters but surf swells interfered temporarily with plans to take them all off in small boats.

## COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Jan. 11:—Diphtheria, 15 cases (one death); Enteric Fever, 15 cases (five deaths); Measles, 15 cases (one death and one imported case); Chicken Pox, six cases (one death); Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, 31 cases (11 deaths); Tuberculosis, 174 cases (102 deaths).

#### DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 13 are as follows:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, four cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Dysentery, two cases; Tuberculosis, 47 cases.

## YAUMATI FERRIES SINK AFTER HARBOUR MISHAP

The Yaumati ferry launches Man Shing and Man Ping were sunk as the result of a collision in the harbour shortly after noon yesterday. No lives were lost, two other ferries and No. 7 police launch arriving quickly on the scene.

The Man Shing was bound for Hongkong from Kowloon City and the Man Ping was bound for Hung Hom. The accident occurred when both vessels tried to clear a sampan that was sailing across their path and collided off Holt's Wharf. This was at 12.25 p.m. The bow of the Man Shing crashed into the starboard side of the Man Ping.

The latter took in a considerable amount of water and became water-logged but was towed safely to the railway pier. The Man Shing was towed by the Man Fat and Man Wai to the vehicular ferry wharf where she sank at 2.40 p.m. The passengers were disembarked in time.

The sampan was capsized, but her crew of five were all pulled out of the water and were sent to hospital suffering the effects of immersion.

#### PASSENGERS SAVED

Seventy passengers were taken off the Man Shing by No. 7 Police Launch, with Sergeant Medley in charge. Other launches took off another 30 passengers.

Some difficulty was experienced in handling the passengers on the Man Shing many of whom were thrown into a panic when they realised the vessel was sinking. The Man Ping is lying off the Kowloon foreshore, submerged by the stern and the Man Shing in similar circumstances off the Vehicular Ferry Wharf. All 42 passengers on board the Man Ping were taken off safely.



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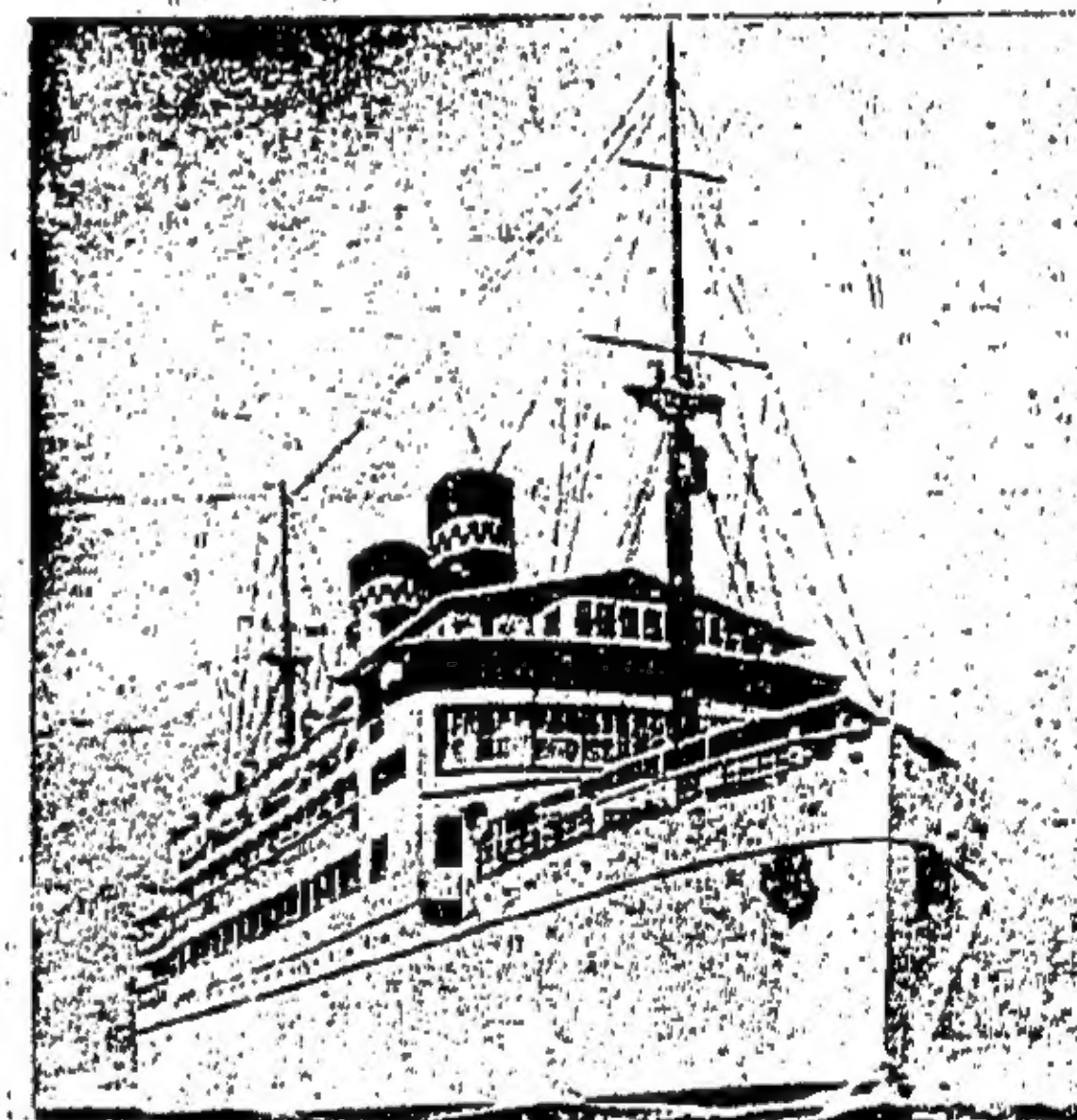
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